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George B. Wellman

Town Clerk.

July 31, 1939

MIDDLESEX, SS:

Personally appeared the above named George B. Wellman, Clerk of the Town of Watertown, and made oath to the truth of the statement before me.

WILLIAM W. NORCROSS, JR.
Notary Public.
My Commission Expires
April 4, 1941

WATERTOWN RECORDS

Eighth Book, Begun in 1810

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1810
Jan^{y}

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the first day of January AD 1810, They appointed the following persons Enginemen for the ensuing Year (Viz)⸗

Gilbert Nichols	Elijah Norcrofs	John Hunting
Artemas Murdock	Richard Sanger	Clinton Thayer
John Tucker	Elisha W. Dana	Benjamin Wiser
Jonathan Stone Junr	Francis Whitney	John Leathe
Joseph Rufsell Junr	Josiah White	John Meacham Junr
John Stimpson Junr	Nathl Weld Junr	Leonard Whiting
Jonathan Robbins	John L. White	Daniel Leverett

1810
Feb^{y}

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the twenty sixth day of February AD 1810, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting.⸗

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of March next, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz).⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2^{d} To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually———
3^{d} To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services———
4th To determine whether Swine or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act anything thereon.———
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——

6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon———

7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon.———

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8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon.

9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon———

10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon.———

11th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———

12th To know if the Town will quit their right to the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd, and granted & convey'd to him & his Heirs and Aſsigns forever, by a Vote of the Town paſsed the seventh of April 1800, they paying what the Town has advanced, & Interest on the same, & act any thing thereon———

13th To know if the Town will enlarge, or make any alteration to their Public Meeting House, & act any thing thereon.——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of March next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Friday the ninth day of March next at six of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty-sixth day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 12th 1810 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet and aſsemble at the times and places, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy, of this Warrant two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Thaddeus Cole, Constable—

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1810
Febʸ

February 26th 1810 The Aſseſsors appointed Charles Whitney a Collector of Taxes, to complete the collection of Samuel Cook's Taxes a late Collector deceas'd, & committed them to him to collect.———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the ninth day of March AD 1810, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafternamed the Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Accᵗ for supplies delᵈ the poor &c. — — — — — — — — — —	$67,, 42
To ditto in full for supplies delᵈ Betsy Gardner —	18,, 67
To ditto in full for Wood delᵈ the Middle-school	13,, 81
To ditto in full for Wood delᵈ the West-school —	10,, 44
To ditto in full for three Bed-cords for the Seines	2,, —
To Amos Bond in full for clothing delᵈ the poor	10,, 18
To Joseph Peirce in full for Axis for the Herse, & for repairing Engine — — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Peirce & Child in full for repairing Herse —	4,, 50
To Thaddeus Cole in full for warning a Town-meeting, & for setting Glaſs in the Meeting-house & School-houses — — — — — — — — —	9,, 37
To Tyler Bigelow in full of his Accᵗ for his service & costs in the case Watertown vs Amasa Williams — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	62,, 2
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & attendance on the poor to this date — — — — —	31,, 12

To John L. Tuttle Esq[r] Treasurer for the County of Middlesex in full for a County Tax in 1809 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	331,, 4
To Daniel Coolidge & Edward Lowd in full for repairing the Bridges — — — — — — — — — —	17,, 74
To Edward Lowd in full for supplies del[d] Joseph Child & Nath[l] Harris — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 75
To ditto in full for summoning Witneſses &c. —	4,, 18
To Richard Sanger in full for a pair of Shoes for Joseph Child, & a pair for Sally Saunders — —	3,, 25
To Daniel Leverett in full for repairing the Baſs Viol — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Nath[l] Weld in full for carting Gravel on the Great-bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Paul Learned in full for his service in attending the funeral of Bez[l] Learned, & for ringing the Bell & sweeping the Meeting-house — — — —	10,, —
To Ezra Farrar in full for Selectmens* last Year	36,, 96
To Rufus Frost in full for teaching a Singing-school — — — — — — — — — 42,, —	
To Nichols & Meacham for Candles supplied the Singing-school — — — — — 8,, —	50,, —

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March 1810

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of March AD 1810, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator—

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

And he was sworn into said Offices, before Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator—

Editorial Note: Probably meant "expenses."

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Joseph Bright
- Edward Lowd
- Jonas White

Voted & chose for Aſſeſsors
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Jonathan Stone, & was excus'd by his request

It was voted to return the thanks of the Town to Jonathan Stone for his past service as an Aſſeſsor———
Voted & chose Peter Clark an Aſſeſsor———
It was voted to choose the other Town Officers by nomination, excepting the Constables

Voted & chose for Constables
- Edward Lowd
- John Hunting

And they were sworn into said Office, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers
- Nath[l] Weld
- John Fowle
- Adam Brown
- Daniel Bond
- Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Phinehas Sanderson
- William Horn

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Jonas White
- James Bernard
- Jonathan Stone
- Samuel Bird

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- William Leathe
- Moses Coolidge
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Nath[l] Bright & was excus'd
- Daniel Bernard
- John Fowle
- Moses Chenery

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting.———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past three of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place.———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

In the Afternoon the Town-meeting was open'd for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the second day of April next, at five of the Clock P.M. then to meet at this place
Then the Town-meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon of this day & proceeded as follows

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- David Hager
- Phinehas Sanderson
- Levi Thaxter Esqr
- Samuel Walker
- Daniel A. Tainter
- Jonathan Ware

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Benjamin Wiser
- Aaron Sanger
- Nathl R. Whitney Junr

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork
- Isaac Dana
- Nathl Bemis Esqr
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nathl Bemis Esqr
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nathl Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound-keeper

Voted & chose for Fish-wardens
- Nathl Weld
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Levi Thaxter Esqr

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton, & agree with him for his services.———
Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year
Voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year.———
Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year

Voted to grant fifty dollars for the support of a Singing-school the ensuing Year
Voted to have the Singing-school under the direction of the Selectmen

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6th It was voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the adjournment of this Meeting.

7th It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year.
It was voted to grant One hundred dollars to repair the Highways on the great County-road, from the Public Meeting house to the House of Samuel Learned.
Voted that the Sum granted for the purpose aforesaid be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.

8th Article, It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting.

9th Article, It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting.

10th Voted & chose for Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year { Nath[l] R. Whitney / Nath[l] Weld

11th Article, It was voted to postpone to the Adjournment of this Meeting.

12th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine into the state of the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R. Whitney / Adam Brown / Amos Bond Esq[r]

13th It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Owners of Pews in Watertown Meeting house, in respect to enlarging, or making any alteration in the same, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted & chose for said Committee { Walter Hunnewell / Joseph Peirce / Leonard Stone / Elisha W. Dana / Enoch Wiswall / Joseph Bright / Abijah White / Levi Thaxter Esq[r] / Tyler Bigelow Esq[r]

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting.———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town.———And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd.

On the Evening of the twelfth day of March AD 1810, The Town meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar, Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting-house this day, & proceded as follows.———

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes, for the ensuing Year, to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were last Year.———
The East List of State, County Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for three Cents & three fourths ℔ dollar———
The West List of ditto were put up & struck of to Artemas Murdock for five & an half Cents ℔ dollar.

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Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Moses Chenery / Artemas Murdock

Then the Hay-scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year from the first day of April next, & were struck of to Joseph Peirce for thirty six dollars———

The improvement of the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown, was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & was struck of to Nath[l] R. Whitney for One dollar & twenty five Cents.———

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)

Amos Bond Esq[r], Thomas Clark Esq[r], Joseph Bright, Edward Lowd, & Jonas White as Selectmen———

Amos Bond Esq[r] & Thomas Clark Esq[r] Aſseſsors, & that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their Offices respecting all elections & the returns thereof———

Adam Brown & Daniel Bond Fence-viewers———

Jonas White, James Bernard, Jonathan Stone, & Samuel Bird Surveyors of Highways.———

William Leathe, Moses Coolidge, Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Moses Chenery, Field-drivers.———

David Hager, Phinehas Sanderson & Jonathan Ware, Hogreeves.———

Isaac Dana & Joseph Peirce Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork.———Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———
And Nath[l] R. Whitney, was sworn into the Office of Pound-keeper, before Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator.———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house.———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd.

March 1810

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the nineteenth day of March AD 1810, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of

said

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Said Commonwealth———Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting.——Given under our Hands and Seals at said Watertown this nineteenth day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edw[d] Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown.

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 2d 1810 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as there expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd, Constable—

Fishery
Let March
1810

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2d 1798, empowering the Town's of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of March AD 1810, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon———

The Agents of Weston & Waltham, not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz).—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at this place———

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment, & proceeded as follows———

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following Conditions (Viz).—

The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described, three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next.———

And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have and the purchaser to have liberty to procure two new Seines,

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One for Shad & one for Alewives, if they be neceſsary, & be allowed a reasonable expence for the same out of the rent.— The persons or persons who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines if they are improved for the fishery in Newton, in proportion to the rent of Watertown & Newton fishery.—— And was struck of to Jonas White for four hundred & seventy dollars.

Jonas White gave his Note for twenty three dollars & fifty Cents on demand, as earnest Money———

Also, he gave his Note for four hundred forty six dollars & fifty Cents, payable on or before the first day of September next.

April Meeting 1810

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz).

For Governor

Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had One hundred sixty two Votes———

His Excellency Christopher Gore Esqr had One hundred four Votes———

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Gray Esqr had One hundred fifty seven Votes———

His Honor David Cobb Esqr had ninety eight Votes———

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Samuel Dana Esqr had One hundred fifty six Votes

Amos Bond Esqr had One hundred fifty five Votes

John L. Tuttle Esqr had One hundred fifty two Votes———

Matthew Bridge Esqr had One hundred fifty six Votes———

Timothy Jackson Esqr had ninety eight Votes
Oliver Prescott Esqr had ninety eight Votes
Joseph Hurd Esqr had ninety eight Votes
Joseph Locke Esqr had ninety eight Votes〜

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Senators & Counsellors———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd〜

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, & proceeded as follows〜

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Town-meeting in May next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd〜

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer.——
The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were ninety five Votes given in———
There were for Abiel Heywood Esqr sixty two Votes〜
For Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr thirty three Votes〜

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Counsellors & Senators, regularly aſsembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day, The Selectmen & Town Clerk examined & signed the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,

Counsellors & Senators, & the same were sealed up in open Town meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the ninth day of April AD 1810, They signed an Order on the Treasurer, directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Jonas White, by Joshua Longley's Order in full for supporting Sarah White one Year, from 8th Decr 1808, to 8th Decr 1809 — — — — — —	$52,, —
To John K. Coolidge in full for his service as Sexton the Year past, to the 15th of April Instant — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	35,, —
To ditto in full for bolts to repair the Wheel of the Bell — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 75
To Samuel Bird in full of his Acct for expences of the Committee on Roads — — — — — — —	5,, 58

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the Sixteenth day of April AD 1810, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz).—

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Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated

at Watertown the sixteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.—

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
Jonas White
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 7th 1810 Pursuant to the above Warrant I notified the male Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet and aſsemble at the time and place, and for the purpose above mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting.—

Edwd Lowd Constable—

May Meeting 1810

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders, & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of May AD 1810, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read.———

It was voted to choose two Representatives———

It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket———

The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were ninety nine tickets given in, on each of which were two Votes—

Thomas Clark Esqr had ninety nine Votes
And Jonas White had ninety nine Votes—
} & were chosen

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Adjournment of April & March Meeting 1810

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday seventh day of May AD 1810, by adjournment from the second day of April last, which was by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, & proceeded as follows.———

It was voted to excuse Joseph Jones from serving as a Culler of Hoops & Staves———
Voted & chose Isaac Dana Culler of Hoops & Staves——
And he was sworn into said Office before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

It was voted to excuse Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] from serving as a Surveyor of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork———
Voted & chose Joseph Ruſsell Jun[r] Surveyor of Boards &c. in his stead.———

It was voted to excuse John Fowle from serving as Field-Driver———
Voted & chose David Baker Field-driver, And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

It was voted to excuse Peter Clark from serving as an Aſsesſor by his own request———
Voted & chose Joseph Peirce Aſsesſor, and he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney, Town Clerk——

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read & is as follows (Viz)—

That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer is credited by ————————	$7471,, 78
And is charged with ————————	6423,, 34
Balance due the Treasurer ————	$1048,, 44

Watertown May 3[d] 1810, The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the third day of May 1810, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark } Committee
Edward Lowd

It was voted to accept of said report.———

It was voted to grant seven hundred & fifty dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year———
It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney sixty dollars in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year.———
It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esq[r] twenty four dollars in full of his Acc[t] for his service as an Aſsesſor last Year——
It was voted to grant Jonathan Stone eighteen dollars in full of his Acc[t] for his service as an Aſsesſor last Year———
It was voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq[r] nineteen dollars & fifty Cents in full of his Acc[t] for his service as an Aſsesſor last Year———

It was voted that the Committee chosen on the twelfth day of March last, to examine into the state of the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd, be empowered to make further search respecting the state of said Pew, & take counsel respecting the same, if in their opinion they shall judge it neceſsary———

It was voted not to grant the Revd Richard R. Eliot any Wood the present Year—

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It was voted to grant Revd Richard R. Eliot Interest on each quarter of his Salary the Year past, after it became due———

It was voted that the Selectmen be requested to insert an article, in the next Warrant for a Town-meeting, to know if the Town will sell their right in the Pew, which was drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd———

The Aſseſsors inform'd the Inhabitants, that they shall attend at the House of Ezra Farrar, on Friday the eleventh day of May Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to receive Valuations of the Estates, from the Inhabitants, which they were poſseſs'd of, on the first day of May Instant———

May 31st AD 1810 Artemas Murdock was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes, before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the third day of August AD 1810, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing year (Viz)—

For Innholders
- Nathl Weld
- Samuel Bird
- Ezra Farrar
- Charles Stratton

For Retailers
- John Fowle
- John George
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Eliakim Morse
- Benjamin Wiser
- Aaron Clapp
- Thomas Heard Junr
- Seth Bemis

October 2d AD 1810 Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes——Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the twenty second day of October AD 1810, they agreed that Jonathan Child, James B. Whitney, & Thomas Learned be fully empowered as a Committee (to expend fifty dollars granted by the Town) to procure a teacher of Music, as soon as conveniently may be, & that they will draw an Order on the Treasurer, for the aforesaid Sum, to defray the expence thereof———

Also, They issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ss: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representative

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In the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz)——— "the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex-district———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty second day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Edw[d] Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown—

NB, You are alike required to give notice that the Selectmen will be in Sefsion at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names have not been entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid.———

Middlesex fs: Watertown Novr 5th 1810—Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet & aſsemble, at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays prior to said Meeting.———

Edwd Lowd Constable for said Town

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house, in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November being the first Monday in said Month AD 1810, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district

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The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted, and counted & were as follows———

For Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr fifty eight Votes———
Loammi Baldwin Esqr twenty Votes———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the seventh day of January AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Isaac Dana for Plank of Jackson & Lincoln for Creek-Bridge ————————————	12,, 39
To ditto——for his service in procuring ditto —	1,, —
To Amos Bond in full of his Acc^{t} for Cash paid for flints for the Town's stock &c. ————	7,, —

To Thaddeus Cole in full of his Acct for setting Glaſs, in the Meeting-house, West & Middle School-houses	5,, 96
To Jonathan Stone in full of his Acct for Stones to cover a Bridge	2,, —
To Marshall Spring in full of his Acct for his services as an Agent on the trapelow-road (so called)	8,, —
To Zaccheus Pond in full of his Acct for repairing Ploughs &c	5,, 18
To Nath[l] Pratt in full of his Acct for a sett of Bullet moulds for the Town's-use	2,, 50
To Ezra Farrar in full of his Acct for Selectmen's expences from March 12th 1810, to include this date	31,, 42
To Aaron Barker in full for repairing Hay-scales	7,, 50

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March AD 1811, They appointed the persons hereafter-named Engine-men, for the ensuing Year———(Viz)⸗

Jonathan Robbins
Francis Whitney
John Tucker
Gilbert Nichols
John Leathe
John Stimpson Junr
Elijah Norcroſs
Daniel Leverett
Joseph Ruſsell Junr
Richard Sanger
Elisha W. Dana
Benjamin Wiser
Thomas Heard Junr
Nath[l] Weld Junr
Josiah Jennison
Nath[l] R. Whitney Junr
Aaron Clap
Clinton Thayer
Josiah White
Artemas Murdock
Leonard Harris⸗

At the Meeting aforesaid, the Selectmen, revised & corrected the list of Voters, to vote in the choice of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators.———
Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz)⸗

Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of March Instant, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually———
3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services———
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon———
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon———
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon———
9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon———
10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
11th To know if the Town will make sale of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, which belonged to Edward Harrington, and Josiah Goddard deceas'd, & act any thing thereon.
12th To know if the Town will procure a Bell for the Public Meeting house, & act any thing thereon———
13th To know if the Town will take any measures to ascertain their right to Shearman's Pond (so called) and the Land adjoining the same, or any other Lands belonging to the Town, & act any thing thereon———
14th To know if the Town will take measures to build a new Meeting house, and to act any thing respecting the same; and also to know if they will take any measures to settle with the Pew-holders in the present Meeting house, & how they will appropriate said House, & act any thing thereon—
15th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to receive of Thaddeus Cole Collector for the Year 1809, ten dollars

of uncurrent Money, which he aſserts that he received for Taxes when the same was current, & act any thing thereon.

16th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the Ministerial-house, & act any thing thereon⸗

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Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eighteenth day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer, & Register———

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Seleƈtmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on Friday the fifteenth day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Seleƈtmen before the times appointed for said Meetings———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the fourth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven⸗

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Seleƈtmen for Watertown⸗

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 18th 1811———
Pursuant to the within Warrant I notified and warned, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting⸗
Edwd Lowd Constable⸗

At a Meeting of the Seleƈtmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fifteenth day of March AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

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To Ezra Farrar in full for Selectmens Expences to 15th March 1811 ———————————	9,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Account for supplies delivered the poor &c. ———————	85,, 8
To David Baker in full for his services and expences in carrying Sarah Ellis to the Alms-house	2,, —
To ditto in full for a Guide-post ———————	2,, 75
To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acct for boarding John Randall from Janry 1st 1810, to Janry 1st 1811—52 Weeks @ $1,,20 ———————————	62,, 40
To ditto in full for supporting ditto from Janry 1st to March 5th 1811—9 Weeks @ $1,,75 ℔ Week ———————————————————	15,, 75
To Catharine Marshall in full for supporting Widow Susanna Learned from May 1st 1809, to March 31st 1811 ———————————	92,, 50
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & attendance on the poor to this date ————	20,, 12
To Daniel Swan in full of his Acct for Medicines & attendance on Jonas Learned ———————	21,, 25
To John K. Coolidge in full for his service as Sexton the Year past to the 15th of April next, & for repairing School house & Meeting house ———	33,, 50
To Jonathan Child, Thomas Learned & James B. Whitney a Committee to procure a Singing-master the Year past ———————————	50,, —
To Wiswall, Fuller & Co in full of their Acct for Clothing supplied the poor at the Poor-house —	25,, 47
To Amos Bond in full of his Acct for Clothing supplied Nath[l] Harris & Patrick Brazilli ———	10,, —
To Jonas White in full for supplies delivered Andrew White ———————————	27,, —
To Thomas Learned for Cash paid for strings for the Bafs Viol ———————————	1,, —

March Meeting 1811

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of March AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows———

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer———

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Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Thomas Clark Esqr
- Jonas White
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Nathl Bemis Esqr
- Joseph Bright

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

In the Afternoon the Town-meeting was open'd for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register———
It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register until April Meeting———

Then the Town-meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting-house by adjournment from the Forenoon of this day & proceeded as follows———

It was voted to receive the Votes for three Aſseſsors on one ticket—

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
- Thomas Clark Esqr
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Jonathan Stone

It was voted to choose the other Town Officers (except Constables) by nomination—

Voted & chose for Constables
- Daniel Sears
- Adam Brown

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers
- Moses Coolidge
- Nath[l] Weld
- Adam Brown
- Luke Bemis
- Nath[l] Bright

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Daniel Leverett
- Phinehas Sanderson

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- William Leathe
- Edmund Fowle
- Jonathan Stone
- James Simmons

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- Jonathan Robbins
- Phinehas Harrington
- John Fowle
- Israel Whitney
- Daniel Leverett
- Zaccheus Pond
- Peter Clark

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Daniel Coolidge
- Leonard Stone
- William Gay
- John Trull
- Samuel Fefsenden
- Joseph Bright Jun[r]

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Benjamin Wiser
- Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
- Thaddeus Cole

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork
- Isaac Dana
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & was excus'd by his request
- Joseph Peirce
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound-keeper—

Voted & chose for Fish-wardens { Nath[l] Weld / Nath[l] R. Whitney / Levi Thaxter Esq[r] }

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton, and agree with him for his services———

Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall no go at large the ensuing Year———

Voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year———

Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year———

Voted to grant fifty dollars to defray the expence of a Singing-school the ensuing Year, & that it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen———

It was voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the adjournment of this Meeting—

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7th It was voted to grant the same sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as last Year———
It was voted to reconsider the last Vote in respect to the grant aforesaid, and that instead of raising fifty Cents on each Poll, & other Estates in the same proportion———
It was voted to grant twenty five Cents to be rais'd on the Polls, & other Estates in the same proportion to repair the Highways, & that it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, or a Committee that shall be appointed for that purpose———
It was voted that the expenditure of said Tax be under the direction of the Selectmen.———
It was Voted that the Assessors be directed to assess said Tax, & commit the same to the Collectors that shall be chosen to collect the Taxes the ensuing Year, & collected as soon as may be.———
It was voted that the former Surveyors of Highways be empowered to cause the delinquencies in their Lists of Highways, to be work'd out before the first day of May next———

8th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting———

9th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting———

10th It was voted to choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year.

Voted & chose for said Agents { Jeduthun Fuller / Amos Bond Esqr

11th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting———

12th It was voted to choose a Committee to make an estimate of the expence of a new Bell, suitable for the Meeting house, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nathl Bemis Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney

13th It was voted to choose a Committee to ascertain the Town's right to Shearman's Pond, (so called) and the Land adjoining the same, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Moses Coolidge / Thomas Clark Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney

16th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the Ministerial-house, & see if in their opinion, it is neceſsary to make any repairs to said House, & make an estimate of the expence, & make report to the said Town at the adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Tyler Bigelow Esqr & was excus'd / Thomas Clark Esqr & was excus'd / William Leathe / Nathl Bemis Esqr / Peter Clark

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14th Article } It was voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting house to meet the Petitioners & others who are in favor of a new Meeting house, to ascertain as nearly as poſsible the expence of building a new Meeting house, and settling with the Pew-owners in the old House, and the best mode of obtaining such settlement, to consider of the best plan of

building, and the most eligible spot of ground on which to set the same——And generally to consider the subject in all its relations, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]
- Tyler Bigelow Esq[r]
- Moses Coolidge
- Edward Lowd
- Jonas White
- Edmund Fowle
- Luke Bemis
- Leonard Stone
- Marshall Spring Esq[r]

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to half past seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

On the Evening of the eighteenth of March AD 1812, The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting house this day, & proceeded as follows———

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year———
The East list of State, County, Town & MinistersTaxes were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for four Cents & one fourth ℔ dollar———
The West list of ditto were put up & struck of to Charles Whitney for five Cents & three fourths ℔ dollar———

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes—
- Moses Chenery
- Charles Whitney

15th It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to receive of Thaddeus Cole Collector, ten dollars of uncurrent Money, (which he aſserts that he received for taxes, when the same was current) in part for Taxes committed him to collect—

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It was voted to excuse William Leathe from serving on the Committee to examine the Ministerial house &c. by his own request———
Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] in his stead, & he was excus'd———

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr & he also was excus'd———
Voted & chose Joseph Peirce in his stead———
It was voted to excuse Nathl Bemis Esqr from serving on said Committee———
Voted & chose Luke Bemis to serve on said Committee——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the first day of April next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)—

Nathl R. Whitney, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectman, & Aſſeſsor, before Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator, & that in the Offices of Selectman & Aſſeſsor he would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each, respecting all elections & the returns thereof——before Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———
Thomas Clark Esqr, Jonas White, Nathl Bemis Esqr, & Joseph Bright, Selectmen, respecting all elections & the returns thereof———
Thomas Clark Esqr & Jonathan Stone Aſſeſsors; Also respecting all elections & the returns thereof———
Jonathan Robbins, Israel Whitney, Daniel Leverett, Zaccheus Pond, & Peter Clark, Field-drivers———
William Gay, Hogreeve—
Nathl R. Whitney Junr & Thaddeus————* Clerks of the Market—Before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———
Nathl R. Whitney Pound-keeper, Before Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

March 19th AD 1811 Daniel Coolidge & John Trull were sworn into the Office of Hogreeves, Before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the twenty first day of March AD 1811, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting———(Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—
You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upward having a freehold

Editorial Note: Last name omitted in script; probably Cole.

Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon

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To give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth———Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals at said Watertown this twenty first day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 1st 1811———
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as therein expreſsed to meet and aſsemble at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd Constable—

March 23[d] AD 1811, Phinehas Harrington was sworn into the Office of Field-driver, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk.

April Meeting 1811

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of April AD 1811——The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons

had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names—— (Viz)—

For Governor,
His Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esqr had One hundred & forty three Votes.
Hon. Christopher Gore Esqr had eighty six Votes—

For Lieutenant Governor,
His Honor William Gray Esqr had One hundred & forty three Votes.
Hon. William Phillips Esqr had eighty six Votes—

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For Senators & Counsellors—
Hon. Samuel Dana Esqr had One hundred & forty Votes—
Matthew Bridge Esqr had One hundred & forty three Votes—
John L. Tuttle Esqr had One hundred & thirty four Votes—
Amos Bond Esqr had One hundred & thirty Votes——
Ebenezer Hobbs Esqr had three Votes——
Timothy Jackson Esqr had ninety one Votes——
Joseph Locke Esqr had eighty seven Votes——
Asahel Stearns Esqr had eighty seven Votes——
Nathaniel Austin Esqr had eighty eight Votes——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completeing & sealing the returns of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors———And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first day of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register—

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr to receive count & sort the Votes for a County Register———
The Votes for a County Register were called for brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows———

There were ninety nine Votes given in———
Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr had twenty four Votes
Samuel Bartlet Esqr had seventy five Votes

The Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows———
There were One hundred & thirty one Votes given in———
Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr had seventy one Votes
Abiel Heywood Esqr had sixty Votes

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last, & proceeded as follows—

It was voted to reconsider the Vote passed on the eighteenth of March last, in respect to granting twenty five Cents on the Polls, & other Estates in proportion to repair the Highways———
It was voted to grant fifty Cents on the Polls, & Estates the same proportion, to repair the Highways the ensuing Year—

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It was voted to grant One hundred dollars to repair the Highways, from Jennison's hill (so called) to Cambridge line——
It was voted to choose a Committee to expend said sum—

Voted & chose for said Committee—
Peter Clark, & was excus'd by his request
Jonathan Stone
David Livermore
Adam Brown

It was voted that the part of One hundred dollars, granted by the Town on the twelfth of March AD 1810, to be expended on said road (which is not expended); be expended on said road under the direction of said Committee———

The report of the Committee to examine the Ministerial-house was read——And it was voted that the further consideration of the subject aforesaid, be referred to the same Committee, & that they make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting———

The report of the Committee to make an estimate for the expence of a new Bell, suitable for the Meeting house was read, & is as follows———That in their opinion a Bell weighing about ten hundred pounds weight would be of sufficient size for that purpose, and that the probable expence of such a Bell would be about five hundred dollars— It was voted to postpone the Article, to the adjournment of this Meeting———

The report of the Committee to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting-house &c. was read, & is as follows———

The Committee chosen by the Town of Watertown, "to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting house, to meet the Petitioners & others, who are in favor of building a new Meeting house, to ascertain as nearly as poſsible the expence of building a new Meeting house, and settling with the Pew-owners in the old House, and the best mode of obtaining such settlement, to consider the best plan of building and the most eligible spot of Ground on which to set the same, and generally to consider the subject in all its relations" have met and fully considered the several subjects committed to them, and beg leave to report to the Town the following result to wit—

1st Your Committee are of opinion that it is not expedient to build a new Meeting house at present———

2d Your Committee are of opinion, that a House of the size and dimensions and generally of the construction of the Reverend Mr Codmans Meetinghouse in Dorchester would be best calculated to accommodate the Town of Watertown, and would serve generally as a model for building whenever the Town should determine to build, and that the expence of building such an House would be about twelve thousand dollars—

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3d Deeming it inexpedient for the Town to build at present, your Committee have not particularly attended to the subject of settling with the Pew-owners in the present Meeting house, and are therefore unable to recommend any particular mode best calculated to obtain such settlement———And for the same reason your Committee have not thought it neceſsary, that they should fix on a spot of ground, which in their opinion would be the most eligible

on which to set a new Meeting-house——All which is submitted———

Nathaniel Bemis ℔ order

Watertown March 29th 1811

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition, or alteration in said House, for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee

- Adam Brown, & was excus'd by his request——
- Edward Lowd
- Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd by his request——
- Jeremiah Fowle & was excus'd by his request——
- Nathl R. Whitney & was excus'd by his request——
- Enoch Wiswall

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the above article to the adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to the first Monday in May next, at one of the Clock PM then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the first of April AD 1811, They put up the Hay scales, at auction for the term of one Year from this day, & were struck of to Edward Lowd for forty dollars

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to Thomas Richardson for One dollar & sixty Cents

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the first of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day——

The Selectmen & Town Clerk, completed & sealed up the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors & Senators—

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Fishery Let 1811

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreable to an Act of the General Court passed March 2d 1798, empowering the Town's of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's, met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of March AD 1811, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon———

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows———

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following conditions (Viz)—

The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next—— And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have——The person or persons, who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines, if they are improved for the fishery in Newton in proportion to the rent of Watertown & Newton fishery——And was struck of to Jonas White for six hundred & eight dollars—

April 2d AD 1811 Edmund Fowle & Jonathan Stone were sworn into the Office of Surveyors of Highways⸗

Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

April 5th AD 1811, James Simmons was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways, & Moses Coolidge as a Fence-viewer⸗

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

April 6th AD 1811 William Leathe was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways⸗

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the 15th day of April AD 1811, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting⸗

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the fifteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven⸗

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 6th 1811
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the time & place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Ed. Lowd Constable for Watertown—

May Meeting 1811

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May AD 1811, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read———
It was voted to choose two Representatives———
It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket———
The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were One hundred & twenty three tickets given in—

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Jonas White had One hundred & six Votes——
Thomas Clark Esqr had One hundred & seven Votes—— } & were chosen—

Nathl R. Whitney had sixteen Votes——
Nathl Bemis Esqr had fifteen Votes——
Levi Thaxter Esqr had one Vote—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of May AD 1811, by adjournment from the first day of April last, (which was by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last) & proceeded as follows———

It was voted to excuse Adam Brown from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose William Horn Constable in his stead———
It was voted to excuse Daniel Sears from serving as Constable———

Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable in his stead———
William Horn & Edward Lowd were sworn into the Office of Constable Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

Voted & chose for Field-drivers { Moses Coolidge / Adam Brown, & was excus'd by his request / William Horn

Voted & chose David Baker Hogreeve———

Moses Coolidge & William Horn were sworn into the Office of Field-drivers——And David Baker into the Office of Hogreeve⸗
Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

It was voted to choose three Agents to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution, any person, or persons, who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives, or erecting or causing to be erected any obstruction to the paſsage of said fish in Charles River⸗

Voted & chose for said Agents { Nath[l] Weld / Nath[l] R. Whitney / Levi Thaxter Esq[r]

It was voted to grant One hundred dollars for the purpose of prosecuting to final Judgment & Execution as aforesaid— And that said Agents shall have a right to draw an Order on the Treasurer for any sum or sums of Money that may be neceſsary to prosecute as aforesaid———

It was voted that the Representatives chosen this day be requested to use their influence to procure an addition to the Act, respecting the fishery for the better securing to the Town their rights in the paſsage of the Fish called Shad & Alewives through the Towns of Cambridge & Brighton⸗

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Voted to grant Amos Bond Esq[r] in full of his Account for his service as an Aſsesſor last Year —		21,, —
Voted to grant Joseph Peirce in full for ditto —		15,, —
Voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq[r] in full for ditto — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50	
Voted to grant ditto in full for his service at Concord to defend the Town against the road contemplated to be laid out South of the Bridge — — — — —	2,, —	21,, 50

Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — 60,, —

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read and is as follows (Viz)—

That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer
is credited by — — — — — — — — — — — 8957,, 31
And is charged with — — — — — — — — 7393,, 66

Balance due the Treasurer — — — — — $1563,, 65

Watertown May 6th 1811, The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the sixth day of May 1811, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Thomas Clark
Edw[d] Lowd } Committee
Joseph Bright

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———

The Committee appointed to ascertain the Town's right to Sherman's Pond, (so called) & the Land adjoining the same, made the following report—(Viz)—

Watertown May 2[d] 1811—
We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by said Town for the purpose as within expreſsed, have attended the service, and beg leave to report as follows. (Viz) that in our opinion by David Stone's deed, to Daniel Sears, no part of Sherman's pond, (so called) or the Land adjoining said pond, that has not been enclosed by a fence, & that heretofore has laid common, does not belong to said Sears, by said deed, and that a small part of the Land which formerly laid common & does belong to the Town, is now enclosed by said Sear's Wall———

All which is submitted—

Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark Esq[r] } Committee
Nath[l] R. Whitney

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted to choose a Committee to ascertain the Town's right to Sherman's pond (so called) & the Lands adjoining the same, & to cause any obstructions, that may be on the same to be removed, & to take such measures respecting the same as the Committee shall think best, or they may sell the small piece of Land which Daniel Sears fenced in, & give a deed of the same in behalf of the Town—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Moses Coolidge / Thomas Clark Esq[r] / Nath[l] R. Whitney

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The report of the Committee to examine the Ministerial-house, & see what repairs are neceſsary was read, & is as follows———

Your Committee appointed to examine the Ministerial House to see what repairs are neceſsary to be made thereon have attended that service and ask leave to make the following report, (Viz)——That as the roof on the back part of the House is very leaky and unfit to lodge under and is so low that not more than four feet in width can be walked under in an upright position———
Therefore your Committee are of an opinion that it will be greatly for the honor as well as the interest of the Town, & it will be much for the accommodation of M[r] Eliot——
Also to have the back part raised as high as the other part, with a roof in such form on the same as shall be convenient and proper——Your Committee recommend a gambrel roof——And are also of an opinion that the Chambers in the back part may be finished of in a plain and convenient manner, so that the whole expence of raising the roof and finishing of the Chambers &c. will not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars; with regard to the Cellar, your Committee are of an opinion that if the Cellar is enlarged it will cost the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars⸗

All which is submitted,

Peter Clark
Joseph Peirce } Committee
Luke Bemis

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted to grant five hundred & fifty dollars for the purpose aforesaid———
It was voted to choose a Committee to repair the Ministerial-house⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee⸗ { Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & was excus'd by his request / Eliakim Morse / Moses Coolidge / Luke Bemis

It was voted to grant eight hundred dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year———

The report of the Committee to make an estimate of the probable expence of a new Bell was read———
It was voted to grant five hundred dollars to procure a new Bell, for the Meeting house, of not lefs than One thousand pounds weight, and that the Committee chosen on the eighteenth day of last March to make an estimate for said Bell, be a Committee to procure said Bell, and that they shall have a right to dispose of the old Bell———

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to make sale of the Goddard Pew, & the Town's right in the Pew of the late Edward Harrington deceas'd in Watertown Meeting house———
It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to make two Pews, instead of the two body seats in the Meeting house, & that they be empowered to make sale of the same, after they are made.

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It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition or alteration in said House for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews, & make report to the Town at the next Town-meeting.

Voted & chose for said Committee { Joseph Bright, Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r], Amos Bond Esq[r], Luke Bemis, Nath[l] Weld

It was voted to difsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared difsolved.

Nath[l] Weld, Adam Brown, Luke Bemis & Nath[l] Bright were sworn into the Office of Fence-viewers.
Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

The Selectmen appointed James Robbins & James Stone Engine-men in the room of Thomas Heard Jun[r] & Josiah Jennison.

Special Meeting concerning Fishery May 10th 1811

May 10th AD 1811, The Selectmen iffued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz).

Middlesex ſs: To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting⸗

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of May Instant, at six of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will indemnify Jonas White, & others under him and save him or them harmleſs in taking the fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town, according to the common custom, & agreeable to the contract made by the Agents chosen by said Town in March last, to lease the fishery in said Town, & act any thing thereon———
3d To hear the report of any Committees, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the tenth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven⸗

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 13th AD 1811, Pursuant to the (*page torn*) Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the (*page torn*) expreſsed, to aſsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned⸗

Wm Horn Constable⸗

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned, regularly

aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirteenth day of May AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

May 16th AD 1811, The Selectmen having received the Petition of John Fowle & thirteen others, Freeholders, & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown for calling a Town-meeting——They iſsued the following Warrant (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth day of May Instant at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To see if the said Inhabitants will reconsider their Vote, directing the repairs of the Parsonage house (so called), or give any directions to their Committee respecting the repairing said House, or limit them, as to the sum of Money to be expended in said repairs, or act any thing thereon———
3d Also, to see if said Inhabitants will reconsider their Vote directing the purchase of a Bell for the Meeting-house in said Town, or act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the sixteenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 20th 1811——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the

Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed, to aſsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned—

Wm Horn Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth day of May AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

2d It was voted that the Committee chosen to repair the Ministerial-house be restricted so far as to make such small neceſsary repairs to the shingling on the roof, and repairing the Windows of said House as may be neceſsary for the present———

It was voted to excuse Moses Coolidge from serving on said Committee by his request———

Also, voted to excuse Luke Bemis, & Eliakim Morse from serving on said Committee by their request———

It was voted that the Lumber purchas'd by the Committee to repair the Ministerial house, be brought into Town under the direction of a Committee that shall be chosen to make the small neceſsary repairs to said House, & that they shall have a right to make use of so much of said Lumber as may be neceſsary to make such small repairs, & make sale of the residue for the best advantage to the Town—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Levi Thaxter Esqr & was excus'd by his request—
- Jonas White & was excus'd by his request—
- John Fowle
- William Leathe
- Adam Brown

3d It was voted not to diſmiſs the Article respecting the purchase of a Bell for the Meeting house———

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

May 25th AD 1811, On the Petition of a sufficient number of Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown,

the Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll-tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of June next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles. (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will instruct the former Committee raised for the purpose of repairing the Ministerial house, or raise a new Committee to proceed in making said repairs, provided the Town shall be completely indemnified against any expence or charge over and above the sum which has heretofore been granted for that purpose, and act any thing thereon—

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3d To know if the Town will give their Committee any further instructions respecting their purchasing a new Bell for the Meeting house in said Town, and act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the Town will hear the report of any Committee's and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and seals at Watertown the twenty fifth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Jonas White
} Selectmen for Watertown

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings convened at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of June AD 1811, to transact the buſineſs as set

forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, Edward Lowd the Constable to whom the Warrant was committed, being absent, & no return being made on the Warrant, no buſineſs was transacted———

July 18th AD 1811, Charles Whitney was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes———Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

July 31st AD 1811, Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes———Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fifth day of August, AD 1811, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twelfth day of August Instant, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will instruct the former Committee raised for the purpose of repairing the Ministerial house, or raise a new Committee to proceed in making said repairs, provided the Town shall be completely indemnified against any expence or charge over and above the sum which has heretofore been granted for that purpose, and act any thing thereon———

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3d To know if the Town will give their Committee any further instructions respecting their purchasing a new Bell for the Meeting house, in said Town, and act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to confer with the Revd Richard R. Eliot, in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage, and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown this fifth day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven⸗

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

Middlesex ſs: Watertown August 12th 1811——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned⸗

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for Watertown⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twelfth day of August AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———

2[d] It was voted to postpone this Article, until after the other articles in the Warrant are acted on———

3[d] Article, It was voted to dismiſs———

4th It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot, in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage belonging to the Town———
It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons for the purpose aforesaid——It was voted to choose said Committee by ballots⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee
Jonas White
Levi Thaxter Esq[r]
John Fowle
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Peter Clark

It was voted that said Committee be empowered & directed to procure a Surveyor, to take a survey of the Parsonage belonging to the Town, & ascertain the quantity of Land

it contains, & plat the Land into House lots, & the roads that may be neceſsary on said Land, & the amount that said lots of Land, may probably be sold for, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting———

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2d Article——It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the twenty sixth day of August Instant, at four of the Clock PM. then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twelfth day of August AD 1811, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing Year (Viz)⸗

For Innholders
- Samuel Bird
- Ezra Farrar
- Charles Stratton

For Retailers
- John George
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Eliakim Morse
- Seth Bemis
- Joshua Jackson
- John Clark
- Joseph Peirce
- Luke Bemis

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty sixth day of August AD 1811, by adjournment from the twelfth day of August Instant, proceeded as follows———

The report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Revd Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future &c. was read & is as follows⸗

Watertown August 26th 1811

We the Subscribers being a Committee, appointed by said Town, to confer with the Revd Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage belonging to the Town——Also to procure a Surveyor, to take a survey of the Parsonage belonging to the Town, and ascertain the quantity of Land it contains, and plat the same into House lots, and the Roads that may be neceſsary on said Land, and the amount that said lots of Land may probably be sold for, have attended the service aſsigned us, and beg leave to report as follows. (Viz)

That the Revd Richard R. Eliot is unwilling to relinquish the whole of the Parsonage, but on condition that the Town, will make the following repairs on the Parsonage-house (Viz) Partition, lath & plaster, two Bed-chambers, in the back Kitchen-chamber, paint & paper the Southwest Chamber, & make such repairs on the outside of said House, as a Committee shall think neceſsary, the expence of which probably will not exceed eighty dollars;

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And agree that he shall improve the same together with the Barn, & one lot of Land on which said Buildings stand, as may appear by the Plan which is herewith exhibited, and pay him the sum of six hundred & eighty dollars ℔ Annum, to be paid quarterly, & that he will hereafter keep the retained Premises in good repair at his own expence, & relinquish all the residue of the Parsonage Lands & the Income resulting from the same; considering the said sum of six hundred and eighty dollars, together with the improvement of the House, Barn, & lot of Land aforesaid, & the Pew in the Meeting house, now improv'd by him as a full compensation for his Salary in future———

And we further report that we have procured a survey & Plan of said Premises, which is herewith exhibited, and have not been able to make a true estimate of the value of the same, but under existing circumstances, it is our unanimous opinion, it will be best for the Town to take said Premises into their poſseſsion (except the lot with the House & Barn on which it stands) to be dispos'd of as they shall think proper, and agree with the Revd Richard

R. Eliot for his Salary in future, on the terms aforementioned—

All which is submitted by
Jonas White
Levi Thaxter
John Fowle
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Peter Clark

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs to the Ministerial house as are specified in the foregoing report of said Committee———

It was voted that John Fowle, William Leathe & Adam Brown (a Committee chosen on the twentieth of last May) be empowered to make said repairs, & draw an Order on the Treasurer for Money to procure Materials, & to pay the expence of said repairs———

It was voted that the Committee which was chosen to confer with the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future &c. be directed & empowered to make, & enter into a contract with him for his Salary in future, & take a release from him of the Ministerial Farm &c. agreable to the report of said Committee———

The report of the Committee chosen on the sixth day of May last, to examine the Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition or alteration in said House for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews was read, & is as follows———

Gentlemen,
Your Committee appointed for the purpose of seeing what room may be spared in the Galleries for Pews, have attended that service, and now ask leave to report that it is their opinion that five Pews may be built in the front Gallery, and three in

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The Women's side Gallery, without materially interfering with those who usually sit there, they also think it neceſsary to build a Porch in the front of the Meeting house to admit a paſsage to the said Pews, & that the probable expence of building said Porch and Pews will not exceed three

hundred & fifty dollars—which is humbly submitted by your Committee

Joseph Bright
Nath[l] Bemis
Amos Bond
Luke Bemis
Nath[l] Weld

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee, And that they be directed, & empowered to make the addition, & alteration to the Meeting house, agreable to the report of said Committee———
It was voted that said Committee be empowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer for Money to procure Materials &c., to make said addition & alteration to the Meeting house——

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty sixth day of August AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Amos Bond in full of his Acc[t] for four pair of Shoes delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 25
To Joseph Ruſsell in full for making two Pews in the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, —
To Peter Tufts Jun[r] in full for surveying & drawing a plan of the Parsonage Land — — — — — —	6,, —
To Jonathan Child in full for the funeral expences of Joseph Child — — — — — — — — — —	14,, 72

September 12th AD 1811, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz) "the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income

of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to

aſsemble

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Aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex district, Hereof fail not &c.

Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———

2d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to petition the Legislature, for an Act of incorporation for making sale of Ministerial Lands belonging to the Town, & for managing the funds arising therefrom, for the support of the Minister, & act any thing thereon———

Also, To know if the Town will agree upon the number and persons, whom they wish to have appointed as Members of the Corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds, and act any thing thereon———

3d To Hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twelfth day of September, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown—
Nath[l] Bemis

NB, You are alike required to give notice that the Selectmen will be in Seſsion at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names have not been entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid———

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Septr 23^{d} 1811, Pursuant to this Warrant I notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays prior to said Meeting———

Edwd Lowd Constable for said Town

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September 21st AD 1811, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting——(Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of September Instant at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles, (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2^{d} To know if the Town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty first day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nathl R. Whitney
Nathl Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown September 30th 1811, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the time & place, & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edwd Lowd Constable

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house, in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September, being the fourth Monday in said Month AD 1811, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America, for the Middlesex-district, in the room of the Hon. Joseph B. Varnum, Esqr who has vacated his seat in the House of Representatives, by accepting a seat in the Senate of the United States, to which he had been elected by the General Court———

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted, and counted, & were as follows———

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For Hon. Marshall Spring Esqr sixty seven Votes
Loammi Baldwin Esqr thirteen Votes
Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr one Vote

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

It was voted to choose a Committee of three persons to petition the Legislature for an Act of incorporation for making sale of Ministerial Lands belonging to the Town, & for managing the funds arising therefrom for the support of the Minister———

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond Esqr / Jonas White / Thomas Clark Esqr

It was voted to choose a Committee to select Candidates for said Committee———

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the following Article (Viz)

To know if the Town will agree upon the number, and persons, whom they wish to have appointed as Members of the corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds, to the adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the thirtieth day of September Instant, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, They revis'd the list of Jurors—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

2d The list of Jurors prepared, & presented by the Selectmen was read———
It was voted to accept of said list of Jurors———

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

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To all to whom these Presents shall come—

The Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown in the County of Middlesex, by their Committee, whose Names are hereunto subscribed being duly authorized by a Vote of said Town, paſsed in legal Town-meeting on the twenty sixth day of August, in consideration of the services of the Revd Richard R. Eliot, as the regularly ordained or settled Minister of said Town, and in part compensation for the same, do hereby lease, demise & let unto the said Eliot a certain piece of Land with the Buildings thereon situate in said Watertown—bounded as follows, Viz. Beginning on the great Country-road at the end of a rail fence, and running westerly on said road two hundred & fifty feet, then turning & running Northerly a straight line, one

hundred & eighty four feet to a stake & stones then turning and running Easterly a straight line two hundred and fifty feet to a stake and stones, then turning and running Southerly a straight line two hundred and five feet to the bounds first mentioned. To hold to him the said Eliot during his Ministry—And the said Inhabitants hereby promise & agree to enclose said piece of Land within a convenient time, with a good four rail fence, or some other fence answerable thereto——that he the said Eliot shall continue to occupy and improve the Pew in the Meeting house, which he has usually occupied, during his Ministry, and that they will pay to the said Eliot in Cash after the rate of six hundred & eighty dollars per Annum to commence from the first day of October next, and to be paid quarterly; all which is to be in full compensation for his the said Eliot's services, in future to be rendered as the Minister of said Town of Watertown—And the said Richard R. Eliot hereby on his part, promises & agrees to and with the said Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, that in consideration of the Premises he will continue to do, and perform all the duties and services incumbent upon him as their regularly ordained or settled Minister, that he will keep all the Buildings on said Land, and all the fences enclosing the same in good repair during his Ministry at his own expence, and that the said sum of six hundred & eighty dollars to be paid as aforesaid together with the improvement of the Land and Buildings aforesaid & the Pew in the Meeting-house, shall be in full compensation for his Salary in future, as the Minister of said Town—

In Witnefs whereof the Committee aforesaid on behalf of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown and the said Richard R. Eliot have hereunto interchangeably subscribed their Names this thirtieth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eleven—

Witnefs—— Richard R. Eliot

Ezra Farrar
Jeduthun Fuller

Jonas White
Levi Thaxter
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Committee
John Fowle
Peter Clark

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Know all Men by these Presents—That whereas there is a contract now subsisting between the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, & the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot, as he is

their regularly ordained or settled Minister, wherein & whereby the said Inhabitants, in consideration of the services of the said Eliot as their Minister as aforesaid, have agreed & are obliged to pay him, the sum of one hundred Pounds lawful Money during his Ministry, & have given & conveyed to him the use & improvement of about twenty four Acres of Land, commonly called the Parsonage Land with the Buildings thereon situate in said Watertown, bounded Easterly on Land of Jonas White, Northerly on Land of John Fowle, Westerly on Land of Marshall Spring and Southerly on Land of Isaac Patten, & on the great Country road, together with about three Acres of Salt Marsh situate on Charles River, for and during his Ministry—,

Now Know ye that I the said Richard R. Eliot for & in consideration of one dollar paid me by the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and in consideration of a new contract now about to be executed by & between me & the said Inhabitants in respect to my future Salary or compensation for my services as their Minister——do hereby remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, all my right title & interest in & to all or any of the Lands and buildings aforesaid, or to the occupation and improvement of the same, or to any income profit or advantage resulting or to result from the same, as also all my right and claim to the Interest of a certain Note of hand given by Isaac Patten to the said Inhabitants for the purchase of a piece of Land formerly belonging to the said Parsonage land, or any income or advantage resulting or to be derived from said Note of hand or the interest thereof. And I hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown from all and every kind of contract or Obligation of whatever name or nature now subsisting between me & them—,In Witneſs whereof I the said Richard R. Eliot have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirtieth day of September in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eleven—,

In presence of—, Richard R. Eliot

Ezra Farrar
Jeduthun Fuller

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public

Meeting house in said Town Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, by adjournment from the twenty third day of September Instant, & proceeded as follows—

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It was voted to choose by ballot five persons whom the Town wish to have appointed as Trustees of the corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds—

Voted & chose for said Trustees— Jonas White, John Fowle, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Levi Thaxter Esq[r], Peter Clark

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

October 26th AD 1811, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————————Greeting————————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz). All the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of the said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting,

Given under our hands and seals, dated at Watertown the twenty sixth day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Nov[r] 4th 1811, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting———

Edw[d] Lowd Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November being the first Monday in said Month AD 1811, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America for the Middlesex-district—

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & were as follows—

For William M. Richardson Esq[r] sixty eight Votes———
For Loammi Baldwin Esq[r] twenty five Votes———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fourth day of November AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names——(Viz)—

To Thomas Clark Esq[r] in full of his Acc[t] for costs paid Judge of Probate for William Gays citation, complaint &c. ———————————— 3,, —

To ditto for Cash paid for twelve Camp-kettles 8,, —

To Sally Nutting in full for supporting Jonathan Nutting from August 2d 1810, to*——————
& for Clothing ——————————————

To Daniel Coolidge in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes ——————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixth day of January AD 1812—They appointed the persons hereafter named Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

Elisha W. Dana
Francis Whitney
Clinton Thayer
Gilbert Nichols
Leonard Harris
Josiah White
John Stimpson Junr
Jonathan Robbins
Nathl R. Whitney Junr
Elijah Norcrofs
John Leathe
Aaron Clap
Richard Sanger
James Robbins
Nathl Weld Junr
Joseph Rufsell Junr
George Craft
Joseph Cole
Caleb Dana
George Coolidge
Jeremiah Meacham

January 23d AD 1812, The Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)———

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————————Greeting————————

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You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty seventh day of January Instant, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make Watertown in the County of Middlesex a Shire Town for said County, and act any thing thereon———

Editorial Note: Omitted in original script.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown, this twenty third day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve——

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Jan[ry] 27th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned———

Edw[d] Lowd Constable

Town Meeting Jan[ry] 1812

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty seventh day of January AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows———

1st Voted & chose Nathaniel Bemis Esq[r] Moderator———

2[d] It was voted to choose by ballot a Committee of three persons to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make Watertown in the County of Middlesex a Shire, or half Shire Town for said County———

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R. Whitney, Levi Thaxter Esq[r], Peter Clark

It was voted that said Committee be directed to keep an account of their expences in proſecuting said buſineſs, & lay their Account before the Selectmen for acceptance

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second day of March AD 1812, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

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Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown——————Greeting——————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually———
3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services———
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon———
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon———
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon———
9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon———
10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
11th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the West School-house, & act any thing thereon———
12th To know if the Town will take any different measures to support the poor, & act any thing thereon———
13th To know if the Town will hear the request of Daniel Jackson, & act any thing thereon———
14th To know if the Town will make any further grants of Money that may be neceſsary, or transact any other buſineſs that may be for the interest of the Town———

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in

the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer———

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM.———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown the second day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 16th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet & aſsemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the ninth day of March AD 1812, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Josiah Mason Jun[r] & Son in full of their Account for Lumber to repair the Bridge — — —	38,, 40
To Joseph Rufsell & William Horn in full of their Account for repairing Bridge &c. — — — — — —	33,, 69
To Leonard Bond in full for House-rent for Charles Nutting for the Years 1810 & 1811 at $18—℔ Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	36,, —
To Thaddeus Cole in full for setting Glaſs in the West & Middle School-houses, and oiling 12 tin-kettles — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 61

To Isaac Dana in full for Plank & Joists for the Bridge ——————————————— 9,, 17

To John Bancroft in full for digging a Grave, & attending the Funeral of Ruth Maddox ——— 3,, 50

To ditto in full for ditto——of John Trufant — 3,, —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for supplies del[d] the poor &c. to this date ——————————— 88,, 30

To Nath[l] R. Whitney & Son in full for ditto to this date ——————————————— 41,, 54

To Daniel Bernard in full for supporting John Randall from 5th March 1811——17 Weeks at $1,,75 ℔ Week ——————————— 29,, 75

To ditto in full for supporting ditto to 5th March Instant 35 Weeks at $2—℔ Week ——————— 70,, —

To Ezra Farrar in full for expences of the Select-men, Committee on Ministerial Land, & Committee to procure a Bell to this date ———— 30,, 49

To a Committee from the Singers to defray the expence of a Singing school ——————————— 50,, —

March Meeting 1812

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of March AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows———

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer———
Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk, before Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———
It was voted to have the Votes brought in for five Select-men on one ticket———

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Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Jonas White Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]
- Joseph Bright

Voted & chose for Aſsesors
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Jonathan Stone

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

In the Afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer———
It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer, to the adjournment of this Meeting———

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows———

Voted & chose for Constables
- Moses Bright
- John Tucker

John Tucker inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Jonathan Child to serve as Constable in his stead———
It was voted to excuse John Tucker from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose Jonathan Child Constable in his stead———
And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers
- Daniel Bond
- Amos Livermore Jun[r]
- Peter Clark
- Joshua Coolidge
- John Fowle

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Nath[l] Woodward
- Eben[r] Chenery

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Daniel Bond & was excus'd by his request
- Jonas White Esq[r] & was excused by his request
- Josiah Learned
- Jonathan Stone
- Moses Bright
- William Leathe

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- William Leathe
- Phinehas Sanderson
- Josiah Learned
- Nath[l] Bright
- Moses Coolidge
- Eliakim Morse
- Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Hogreeves, John Leathe, Payson Williams, Daniel Fan (*page torn*) Samuel Rand, Charles H. Chandler, Joseph Bright Jun[r], Abijah (*page torn*) & Samuel Fefsenden———

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Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Edward Lowd
- John Clark
- Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork
- Isaac Dana
- Joseph Peirce
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound-keeper———

Voted & chose for Fishwardens
- Nath[l] Weld
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Levi Thaxter Esq[r]

It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to liquidate & settle with Jonas White Esq[r] & others who hired the fishery last Year, & that they shall have full power to make a fair & equitable abatement of such part of the rent as they shall judge reasonable———

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Levi Thaxter Esqr
- Nathl Bemis Esqr
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esqr
- Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd by his request
- Moses Coolidge

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton the ensuing Year, & agree with him for his services———

Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year———

It was voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year———
Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools the ensuing Year, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year———

6th Article—Voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting———

Voted to grant the same sum for repairing the Highways the ensuing Year, & the same price for Labor as last Year—

It was voted not to grant any Money for a Singing school the ensuing Year———

Voted & chose for Agents to lease the fishery
- Jeduthun Fuller
- Amos Bond Esqr

11th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the West School house, & see what repairs are necefsary, & the probable expence & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting———

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Voted & chose for said Committee
- Adam Brown
- Moses Coolidge
- Thomas Clark Esqr

12th Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to take any measures to support the poor, as they may think necefsary

13th It was voted to choose a Committee to hear the request of Daniel Jackson, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting———

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond Esqr / Nathl Bemis Esqr / Levi Thaxter Esqr

It was voted to choose a Committee to consist of three persons to examine all the Accounts of the Town for ten Years last past, and to state on paper the several sums of Money that the Town have granted during that period, to what purpose the same has been appropriated & to whom paid, what sums of Money are due to the Town & from whom, & what sums of Money the Town owe, & to whom, & to exhibit the same to the Town in public Town-meeting as soon as may be, that every Individual may know the particular situation of their Town buſineſs, & that the Town Clerk & Treasurer be directed to furnish said Committee with all the Books, papers & documents of the Town to enable them to make said investigation———

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nathl Bemis Esqr / Levi Thaxter Esqr / Abijah White

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past six of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, for the sole purpose of farming the Taxes, choosing Collectors of Taxes, letting the Hay-scales, & the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

On the Evening of the sixteenth of March AD 1812, The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting-house, & proceeded as follows———

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year———

The East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck off to Moses Chenery for three Cents & one fourth ℔ dollar———
The West list of ditto were put up & struck of to Charles Whitney for three & an half Cents ℔ dollar———

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Moses Chenery / Charles Whitney

The Hay-scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year from the first day of April next, & were struck of to Luther Barrett & Clinton Thayer for forty dollars & fifty Cents———

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to this Town was put up at Auction for the term of one Year & was struck of to Moses Coolidge for (*page torn*)———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, (*page torn*) of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at the Public Meeting house in (*page torn*)
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

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Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)⸗

Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer, Aſſeſſor & Pound-keeper, and that in the Offices of Selectman & Aſſeſſor he would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each, respecting all elections & the returns thereof⸗
Before Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator⸗

Thomas Clark Esq[r] Jonas White Esq[r] Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & Joseph Bright Selectmen———Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Jonathan Stone Aſſeſſors, & that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each respecting all elections & the returns thereof———
Peter Clark & John Fowle Fence-viewers———
Josiah Learned, Jonathan Stone & William Leathe Surveyors of Highways———
William Leathe, Phinehas Sanderson, Josiah Learned, Moses Coolidge, & Peter Clark Field-drivers———
John Leathe, Samuel Rand, Joseph Bright Jun[r] & Samuel Feſsenden Hogreeves———
John Clark & Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r] Clerks of the Market Isaac Dana & Joseph Peirce Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork⸗
Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

March 18th 1812 Payson Williams was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve———
21st Joshua Coolidge was sworn into the Office of Fence-viewer———
Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty third day of March AD 1812, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,————Greeting————

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will take into consideration the doings and statement of the Committee which was appointed on the sixteenth day of March Instant, to settle with Jonas White Esqr and others, relating to the rent of the fishery last Year, & act any thing thereon———
3d To know if the Town will give their Agents chosen to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, any new instructions different from what they have had in times past, and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty third day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve⸗

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nathl R. Whitney
Nathl Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

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Watertown March 26th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to aſsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned⸗

Jonathan Child Constable⸗

Alſo, The Selectmen at the Meeting aforesaid iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Jonathan Child Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown this twenty third day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

NB. The Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, will be received on one ticket———

Watertown April 6th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays preceding said Meeting—

Jonathan Child Constable—

March 24th 1812, Daniel Bond was sworn into the Office of Fenceviewer, & Abijah White a Hogreeve——Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

March 25th 1812, Charles H. Chandler was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve—

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of March AD 1812, for the purpose of trans-

acting the busineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting & proceeded as follows—

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Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Moderator———

The report of the Committee chosen on the sixteenth day of March Instant, to liquidate & settle with Jonas White Esqr & others who hired the fishery last Year &c. made the following report———

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown———

The Committee who were chosen & empowered on behalf of the Town to settle with Jonas White Esqr & his Aſsociates, who hired the fishery the last Year, and to make them such fair & equitable abatement of the rent as they should judge reasonable——Gave notice to the persons interested, and on the twenty third instant met them at the House of Mr Ezra Farrar, for the purpose of making said settlement; but your Committee finding that a portion of the Town appeared to be diſsatisfied with the measure that had been adapted for the settlement of the busineſs aforesaid and understanding from the Selectmen that a Warrant had been granted for calling a Town Meeting to be held this day, thought it most adviseable not to proceed in the busineſs to the extent of their authority; but proposed to the said White & his Aſsociates as a measure, the best calculated to give satisfaction to all persons interested, that we would investigate the subject, collect all the facts, and report the same to the Town, for their consideration & final settlement. This proposition being readily agreed to on the part of the said White and his Aſsociates, Your Committee went into an examination of all the circumstances of the busineſs, and now beg leave to report as follows (Viz)——That Amos Bond Esqr and Mr Jeduthan Fuller were chosen Agents by the Town the last Year to lease the fishery——That they put the same up at Vendue, as had been usual, and it was bid off by Jonas White Esqr for himself Mr Nathl Weld, John Richardson Esqr & Mr Abijah White at the sum of six hundred & eight dollars—— That it has been stated to your Committee by the said Bond & Fuller, that it was their expectation, and they believe to have been the expectation of the said White & his Aſsociates, at the time the fishery was leased, that there would not be any other or greater incumbrance in the River to obstruct the paſsage of the fish, than had been usual in

Years previous——That your Committee are convinced, that there was Seines set acroſs the River from shore to shore, at Cambridge & at Brighton and continued through the season, at those particular periods of the Tides in which the Fish paſs up & down the River, which entirely obstructed their paſsage. That large quantities of fish were taken every day in the Week both at Cambridge & Brighton a portion of which it is reasonable to suppose, would have paſsed up the River to the Watertown fishery had it not been for the obstruction of said seines——That it is stated to your Committee both by the s^{d} White and his Aſsociates, who hired the fishery and several of the persons who were employed to catch the fish, that but a very small quantity were taken at the Watertown fishery notwithstanding every attention was paid & every means used to take all that come within their limits.——Your Committee have also examined and made all proper enquiry respecting the Accounts of the said Jonas White and his Aſsociates relative to the fishery the last Year, and they are

satisfied

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Satisfied that the Monies paid & expended by them including the rent, amounts to $1518,,44——and that all the credits resulting therefrom amount only to the sum of $938,,76 making to them a loſs exclusive of all their time & trouble in the buſineſs of $579,,68—

Under all these circumstances, your Committee think it will be unjust to compel the said White & his Aſsociates to pay the full amount of the rent, and they confidently believe that the Inhabitants of the Town, will be unwilling to inforce it even if they have the power: And your Committee have no doubts but that the said White & his Aſsociates, will be satisfied to sustain a portion of the loſs, in order that the buſineſs may be amicably adjusted; altho they think that they have a just claim to be indemnified for an injury, from which, they consider it was the duty of the Town to protect them. Your Committee therefore take the liberty to recommend that the sum of $289,,84 being half the amount of the loſs sustained, should be deducted from the rent aforesaid and if the said White & his Aſsociates will accede thereto, that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized & empowered, on payment of the balance, to give them a full discharge for the rent of the fishery the last Year; fully & conscientiously believing that by such a procedure, the interest of all concerned will eventually be promoted;

the little warmth and feeling which may have been excited, will be done away, and harmony restored to the Town.——

All which is respectfully submited—

Watertown 30th March 1812—

Levi Thaxter
Nath[l] Bemis
Nath[l] R. Whitney
As you may see on file— Thomas Clark
Moses Coolidge

It was voted not to accept the report of said Committee——
It was voted that the Committee aforesaid be dismiſs'd from any further services respecting the settlement aforesaid——And that the thanks of the Town be given to said Committee for their past services———

3[d] Article, It was voted to dismiſs———

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd———

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston, & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2[d] 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day of March AD 1812, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon———

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2[d] Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to six of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows—

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following conditions (Viz)——The privilege of taking the fish called

Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents——five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next——And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have, & of having a new one, if in the judgment of the Agents it may be neceſsary.——The person or persons who hire the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the use of the Seines, if they are used for the fishery in Newton in proportion to the rent of the fishery in Watertown & Newton the present Year———

And was struck of to Artemas Murdock for six hundred and five dollars———

Artemas Murdock & Enoch Wiswall paid thirty dollars & twenty five Cents as earnest Money——And they gave a Note payable on, or before the first day of September next for five hundred seventy four dollars & seventy five Cents—

At a Public Town-Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Counsellors and Senators being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1812——The Selectmen, presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read; the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)—

For Governor

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esqr had One hundred forty three Votes

Hon. Caleb Strong Esqr had One hundred twelve Votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William King Esqr had One hundred forty four Votes

Hon. William Phillips Esqr had One hundred twelve Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Samuel Dana Esqr had One hundred forty four Votes

Matthew Bridge Esqr had One hundred forty three Votes

John L. Tuttle Esqr had One hundred forty two Votes

William Winthrop Esqr had One Vote

Amos Bond Esqr had One Vote

Josiah Bartlet Esqr had One hundred eleven Votes
Asahel Stearns Esqr had One hundred twelve Votes
Loammi Baldwin Esqr had One hundred twelve Votes

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at six of the Clock this Evening for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer———
It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer to the adjournment of this Meeting—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1812, by adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Moses Bright from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose Amos Livermore Junr Constable———

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the West School house was read, & is as follows (Viz)—

The Committee appointed to examine the West School-house & see what repairs are needful to be made thereon have attended that service and ask leave to report, that it is needful that the Wall on the back part should be taken down nearly to the foundation as it is near falling and it is the opinion of your Committee that as the House stands so high from the ground, and the Walls being so open that the cold affects the School-room as much or more from underneath as from any other part therefore your Committee recommend that a brick Wall be built on the back side of about four feet from the sill and so partly at each end and banked from the ground up to the brick, the inside must have some small repairs and so on the outside———Your Committee are of an opinion that the whole expences over

what the Stones that are taken out will bring, will amount to the sum of eighty dollars——All which is submitted——

Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark

Watertown April 6th 1812———

As you may see on file

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee, & that a Committee shall be chosen to make said repairs with Stone or Bricks, as they shall judge will be for the interest of the Town

Voted & chose for said Committee

Adam Brown
Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & was excus'd by his request
Moses Coolidge & was excus'd by his request
Luke Bemis
Jonas White Esq[r] & was excus'd by his request
John Fowle

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to the day of the Town-meeting in May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators (*page torn*) aſsembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening (*page torn*) sixth of April AD 1812——by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this (*page torn*) the Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors & Senators in open Town-meeting

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April 7th 1812, Jonathan Child was sworn into the Office of Hay-weigher——Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk——

April 8th 1812, Moses Bright was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways——Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

April 20th 1812, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,———Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the twenty second day of April Instant at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will hear the petition of Daniel Bond & others, wherein they state that the River is obstructed by Seines set by Abijah Ruggles & others in such way & manner as that the fish called Shad & Alewives cannot paſs up the River to Watertown, and as the fish wardens do not think themselves authorized to cut away the obstructions, unleſs the Town will endemnify them, which obstructions if not removed will deprive the Town of any benefit from the fishery in future, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twentieth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Watertown April 21st 1812——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned———

Jonathan Child Constable—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the twenty second day of April AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows———

1st Voted & chose Col. Enoch Wiswall Moderator———

2d It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to remove or cause to be removed any obstruction to the paſsage of the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, & that they be empowered to cut away any Seine or Seines that may be set acroſs said River to the obſtruction of the paſsage of said fish, if they should judge it expedient, & that the Town should guarantee said Committee in so doing—

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Voted & chose for said Committee
- Daniel Bond
- Gilbert Nichols
- Enoch Wiswall
- Edward Lowd & was excus'd by his request———
- William M. Pomroy
- Josiah Learned & was excus'd by his request———
- Joseph Ruſsell Junr

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 27th day of April AD 1812, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.—— Hereof fail not &c.———

Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to aſsemble at the Public

Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eleventh day of May next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will take any measures to have a Courthouse & Prison erected within the Town, or appoint a Committee to receive subscriptions, and secure the payment of the same, or make any grants of Money and Land in addition to the subscriptions that may be obtained, or act any thing thereon———
3d To know if the Town will contract with the Heirs of Samuel White deceas'd, for their Pew over the front door in the Meeting house, which must be taken by the Town's Committee, in order to carry a former Vote of the Town into effect, and act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from the Watering place near Hubbard Rufsell's, through Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esqr & Marshall Spring Esqr in conformity with the Road laid out by the Corporation of Ministerial Lands, and grant Money to make the Road, & pay any damages that may arise thereby, and act any thing thereon———
5th To know if the Town will straighten the Road near the Brick School house, & act any thing thereon———
6th To know if the Town will give the Committee appointed to procure a Bell for the Meeting house, any further instructions respecting the (*page torn*) have on trial, & act any thing thereon———

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7th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meetings, Given under our Hands and Seals, at Watertown the twenty seventh day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown—

NB., The Selectmen will be in sefsion at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of said eleventh day of May, to receive evidence of the qualifications of Voters to vote in the choice of Representatives———

Watertown May 11th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the times and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays preceding said Meeting———

Jonathan Child Constable

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of May AD 1812, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read———

It was voted to choose two Representatives———
It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket———

The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that there were three hundred & seventy nine Votes given in, & were as follows

For Thomas Clark Esqr One hundred & eleven Votes——
Jonas White Esqr One hundred & seven Votes——
Nathl R. Whitney eighty one Votes——
Enoch Wiswall seventy seven Votes——
Peter Clark one Vote——
Jonathan Stone one Vote——
Amos Livermore one Vote——

And Thomas Clark & Jonas White Esqrs were chosen———

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the sixth day of last April, which was by an adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March, & proceeded as follows

Amos Livermore Junr was sworn into the Office of Constable————Before, Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows

For John L. Tuttle Esq[r] eighty one Votes——
Abiel Heywood Esq[r] fifty six Votes——
James Winthrop Esq[r] two Votes——

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It was voted to grant One thousand dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year———

It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney sixty dollars for his service as Clerk & Treasurer last Year———

It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney for his service as an Aſseſsor last Year 17½ days @ $1,,50 ℔ day, amounting to twenty six dollars & twenty five Cents———

It was voted to grant ditto for his service in taking & making special Valuation last Year, 23 days @ $1,,50 ℔ day, amounting to thirty four dollars & fifty Cents———
It was voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Jonathan Stone for their service as Aſseſsors last Year, the same price ℔ day, as allow'd Nath[l] R. Whitney for his service, & that they be directed to present their Accounts (of the time by them spent) to the Selectmen for allowance———

Voted & chose Joseph Bird Field-driver———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Monday in June next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

1812
May 11

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eleventh day of May AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows——(Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———

2d It was voted to grant One thousand dollars, and to give a sufficient quantity of Land to erect a Courthouse & Gaol, suitable for the County, & that the Aſseſsors be directed to aſseſs said sum when ever it is determined that a Courthouse & Gaol shall be erected in this Town———

It was voted to choose a Committee of seven persons to use their influence to have a Courthouse & Gaol erected in this Town, & to receive subscriptions & secure the payment of the same for the purpose aforesaid—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Marshall Spring Esqr / Jonas White Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Eben^r^ Preble Esqr / Eliakim Morse / Nathl Bemis Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney

3^d^ It was voted that Joseph Bright, Nathl Bemis Esqr, Luke Bemis & Nathl Weld, four of the Committee chosen on the twenty sixth of last August, to make an addition, or alteration to the Meeting house, (agreeable to the report of said Committee) be empowered to contract with the Executors of the last Will of Samuel White deceas'd, for the Pew over the front door in the Meeting house, belonging to the Heirs of said deceas'd, in order to make the addition or alteration as aforesaid———

5th It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to straighten the road near the Brick School-house, if in their opinion they may judge it expedient———

6th It was voted that the Committee appointed to procure a Bell for the Meeting house, be directed to return the present one we have on trial (*page torn*) procure another one instead thereof——It was voted to make an addition (*page torn*) persons to the Committee appointed to procure a Bell—

Voted & chose for an addition to said Committee { Jeduthun Fuller / Eliakim Morse

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7th Article———It was voted to dismiss———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Monday in June next, at five of the Clock, in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

May 30th AD 1812, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting, (Viz)—

Middlesex ss: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eighth day of June next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will make a grant to this Town's quota of Men required by Government to be detached, when they may be called into actual service, and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the thirtieth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown

Watertown June 8th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned———

Jonathan Child Constable—

1812
June 12

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of June AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———

2d It was voted to grant a sum in addition to the sum to be paid by Government including Clothing to the Soldiers that are, or shall be detached for this Town's quota of Men, that shall be required to march into actual service during the term they continue in said service, with the sum to be paid by Government, so as to make them fifteen dollars ℔ Month———

It was voted to advance each Man ten dollars, when called to march into actual service, in part of their Monthly pay———

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the eleventh day of last May, which was by an adjournment from the sixth of last April, which was by an adjournment from the sixteenth of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

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The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, & is as follows (Viz)—

That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer is		
Credited by ———————————	9605,,	13
And is charged with ———————	7997,,	8
Balance due the Treasurer —————	$1608,,	5

Watertown June 8th 1812 The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the eighth day of June AD 1812, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Committee

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———

The following report was read & is as follows (Viz)—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown——The Subscribers who were chosen a Committee, by said Town to hear the request of Daniel Jackson Esq[r] respecting his title to the Pew in the Meeting house formerly occupied & poſseſsed by Ebenezer Goddard late of said Watertown deceased, have attended that service, and now beg leave to report———

That it is their unanimous opinion that the said Jackson has no claim or legal title to any part of said Pew—

Nath[l] Bemis
Amos Bond } Committee
Levi Thaxter

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to let said Pew, & the two new Pews in the body of the Meeting house, either at private sale, or at Public auction, until they are sold—

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
Israel Whitney
William Horn
Edmund Fowle, & was excus'd by his request—

It was voted to excuse Eliakim Morse from serving as Field-driver

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
John Trull
Jonathan Child, And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the seventh day of September AD 1812, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing Year (Viz)—

For Innholders
Ezra Farrar
Charles Stratton
Samuel Bellows

For Retailers—
John George
Jeremiah Fowle
Seth Bemis
Luke Bemis
Joseph Peirce
John Clark
Francis Whitney
Henry B. Jackson

October 12th 1812, Charles Whitney was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes———

October 17th 1812, Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes———

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the nineteenth day of October AD 1812, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown———Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz. "the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Norfolk-district———Hereof fail not &c.———

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of November next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will accept of a road which may be laid out by the Selectmen from or near the Watering-place, by Land of the late Hubbard Ruſsell in a straight line acroſs Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esqr Miniſterial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esqr to the great Road in front of the Cotton factory, as prayed for by Amos Bond Esqr & others, & act any thing thereon———
3d To hear the request of Artemas Murdock & others relative to the rent of the fishery the Year past, & act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon———
5th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to wait upon the Revd Richard R. Eliot & request of him never to invite Meſsrs Homer & Holmes to officiate in Watertown Meeting

house again, agreeable to the request of Amos Bond Esqr & others, of the thirteenth of October Instant———

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings———

Given under our Hands & seals at Watertown the nineteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark Jonas White Nathl R. Whitney Nathl Bemis Joseph Bright	Selectmen for Watertown

NB. You are likewise to give notice that the Selectmen will be in sefsion at the Public Meeting house on Monday the second day of November next at one of the Clock PM. to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names are not entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid—

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Middlesex fs: Watertown November 2^{d} 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting notifications hereof at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays preceding said Meeting———

Jonathan Child, Constable—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of November, being the first Monday in said Month AD 1812, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district———

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & were as follows——

For Nathaniel Ruggles Esqr ninety three Votes——
Ebenezer Seaver Esqr eighty four Votes——
Thomas B. Adams Esqr two Votes——
Samuel Carman one Vote——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Votes which were given in this day for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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Nov. 2^{d}

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of November AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator———

It was motioned not to act any further under the Warrant for this Meeting, it having been stated that there had not been an attested Copy of the Warrant posted at the Meeting house agreeable to a former Vote of the Town———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at four of the Clock PM. then to meet at this place——And that the Selectmen be requested to search the Records this Evening, & satisfy themselves in respect to the Vote of the Town for warning Town-meetings, & if they find it neceſsary, then forthwith to iſsue a Warrant for a Town-meeting to be held on the said twelfth day of November Instant and have the same articles inserted, that were inserted in the Warrant for this Meeting—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth regularly aſsembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the second of November AD 1812, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day———

The Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns of Votes which were given in this day (*page torn*) a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district, in open Town-meeting———

The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown———Greeting———

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz)———"the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at two of the Clock PM. to give in their written or printed Votes for five Electors of President and Vice President of the United States———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the second day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nathl R. Whitney
Nathl Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Novr 12th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned———

Jonathan Child Constable—

Also, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will accept of a road which is laid out by the Selectmen from or near the Watering place by Land of the late Hubbard Ruſsell in a straight line acroſs Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esqr Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esqr to the great road in front of the Cotton factory, as prayed for by Amos Bond Esqr & others, & act any thing thereon———
3d To hear the request of Artemas Murdock & others relative to the rent of the fishery the Year past & act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon———
5th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to wait upon the Revd Richard R. Eliot & request of him never to invite Meſsrs Homer & Holmes to officiate in Watertown Meeting house again, agreeable to the request of Amos Bond Esqr & others of the thirteenth of October last—

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Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting———

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the second day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Novr 12th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned———

Jonathan Child Constable

1812
Nov. 12

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the twelfth day of November AD 1812, to give in their written or printed Votes for five Electors of President, and Vice President of the United States———The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for five Electors of President and Vice President; (comprising the Counties of Suffolk, Eſsex and Middlesex) were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows (Viz)

For Hon. Harrison Gray Otis, of Boston ninety Votes——
Hon. Nathan Dane of Beverly ninety Votes———
Hon. Jeremiah Nelson of Newbury-port ninety Votes—
Abraham Biglow Esqr of Cambridge ninety Votes———
John Walker Esqr of Burlington, ninety Votes—
Hon. William Gray of Boston seventy eight Votes——
Hon. Samuel Brown of Boston seventy eight Votes——
Moses Townsend Esqr of Salem seventy eight Votes———
William Pearce Esqr of Gloucester seventy eight Votes———
Samuel Hoar Esqr of Lincoln seventy eight Votes———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at six of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Votes which were given in this day for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of November AD 1812, for the purpose of

transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Moderator———

2d The following report of the Selectmen was read, and is as follows (Viz)—

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To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Watertown in public Town-meeting aſsembled, on Monday the 2d day of November AD 1812———

Whereas Amos Bond Esqr & others Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown by their petition to the Selectmen of said Town dated September 22d 1812, have stated that a road is neceſsary to laid out from, or near the Watering place by Mr Hubbard Ruſsell's land in a straight line acroſs lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White, Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring to the great road in front of the Cotton factory, that it will be of convenience for the communication with the Northerly parts of the Town, & shorten the distance, and as House lots are now offered for sale by the Corporation of the Ministerial fund or Land, and as many persons wish to purchase and build, but delay until they see a road laid out in the direction as above, & therefore request that we will lay out a road as aforesaid——We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Watertown, judging that it will be of public neceſsity & convenience to lay out said road, do hereby lay out said road as follows, Beginning at the Southeastwardly corner of the Garden wall of the Heirs of Hubbard Ruſsell deceas'd on the road leading to W. Cambridge & adjoining the Watering place (so called) thence running Southdly a straight line acroſs the Town's land, through Land of E. Fowle, Jonas White Esqr, Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esqr to the Eastwardly corner of the House belonging to sd Spring now occupied by J. Fuller to the great County road in front of the Cotton factory, the whole road throughout to be fifty feet in width, and on the Eastwardly side of said line—

All which is submitted——— Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Watertown November 2d 1812 Joseph Bright

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the Article in respect to the acceptance of the road laid out by the Selectmen, until next March Meeting———

3d The Petition of Artemas Murdock relative to an abatement of the rent of the fishery the Year past was read——— And it was voted to postpone the consideration of the Article until next March Meeting———

4th It was put to vote whether the Selectmen (Jonas White Esqr excepted shall be authorized & empowered to refer the demand of the Town, on Jonas White Esqr for the rent of the Fishery in 1811, to the determination of such judicious disinterested persons as do not belong to this Town, as shall be mutually agreed on by the Selectmen & Jonas White Esqr———And it passed in the Negative——— It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on Jonas White Esqr & his Associates, & collect the rent which is due from him to the Town for the fishery in 1811——— It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to postpone collecting Artemas Murdock, & Enoch Wiswall's Note for the rent of the fishery the Year past until after next March Meeting———

5th Article It was voted to dismiss———

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting——And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolv'd—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the twelfth day of November AD 1812, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day, for the purpose of completing & sealing the returns for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States———The Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns of Votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States in open Town-meeting—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Wednesday the thirtieth day of December AD 1812, They signed an Order on the

Treasurer, directing him to pay the persons hereafter named the sums annex'd their several Names (Viz)—

	Doll$	Cts
To Caleb Lincoln in full of his Account for repairing the great, & Creek-bridges — — — — — —	30,,	50
To Charles Whitney in full for Labor &c. at the Creek-bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	36,,	78
To John Stimpson Junr in full for going to see Charles Stearns in Brookline, respecting his Horse that was hurt,by falling through the Bridge	1,,	50
To David Baker in full for a Journey to Chelsea, to summon Williams, as a Witnefs in the fishery	2,,	50
To Joseph Rufsell in full for repairing the Middle School-house, & for taking Timber out of the River — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,,	45
To Nathl Woodward in full for digging the Grave, tolling the Bell, & attending the funeral of the Widow Susanna Learned — — — — — — — — —	3,,	50
To Jonathan Stone in full for his Service as an Afsefsor, for making Taxes, & taking special Valuation in 1811 — — — — — — — — — — — —	54,,	—
To ditto in full for finding stuff & railing a Bridge near Peter Clark's — — — — — — — — — — —	5,,	50
To Wiswall, Fuller & Co in full for Cloth &c. delivered Phebe Tillock's Children — — — — — —	6,,	33

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eleventh day of January AD 1813, They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

Elisha W. Dana	Aaron Clap
Francis Whitney	Richard Sanger
Clinton Thayer	James Robbins
Gilbert Nichols	Nathl Weld Junr
Leonard Harris	Joseph Rufsell Junr
Josiah White	George Craft
John Stimpson Junr	Joseph Cole
Jonathan Robbins	Caleb Dana
Nathl R. Whitney Junr	Jona P. Jordan
Elijah Norcrofs	Nathan Barnard
John Leathe	William Bright

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first day of March AD 1813, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually———

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3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services———
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon———
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon———
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon———
9th To hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon———
10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
11th To know if the Town will take any different measures to support the poor, the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon———
12th To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear before any Court to aſsist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now, or may be commenced for rent of the fishery, & act any thing thereon———

13th To know if the Town will take into consideration the several articles which were postponed on the twelfth of last November, to next March Meeting, & act any thing thereon———

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the eighth day of March Instant, at five of the Clock PM.———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the first day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown.

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 15th 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the Public Meeting house in said town of Watertown two Sundies prior to Said Meeting——

Jonathan Child Constable.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighth day of March AD 1813, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the sums annex'd their several Names (Viz).

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To Jonathan Child in full of his Account for repairing Hay scales & Weights ————	2,, 87
To ditto in full for warning Town-meetings verbally ————————————	12,, —

To Henry Craft in full for Stones for the Creek-Bridge &c — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, —
To David Fuller in full for a Plough for the Town's use — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
To Thaddeus Cole in full for repairing Windows in the Meeting house, & School-houses — — — —	7,, 48
To Joshua Coolidge in full for carting Gravel on the Great-road — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 25
To Abraham Sanger in full for boarding his Mother (Widow Abigail Sanger) from 27th last October, to 2d March Instant 18 Weeks @ $1,,75	31,, 50
To ditto in full for his Labor in hoisting & hanging the Bell — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 25
To Wiswall, Fuller & Co in full for articles of Clothing supplied the poor — — — — — — — — —	19,, 81
To Joseph Peirce in full for Clothing supplied Thomas Wellington Junr — — — — — — — — — —	18,, 99
To Jonas White & Son in full of Joshua Longley's Acct for boarding Sarah White one Year, for John Cole & Josiah Mason Junr & Son's Acct for Plank & Timber to repair the Bridge — — — — — — —	152,, 85
To Jonas White the balance of his Acct (after deducting Cash he recd from Higgins for board &c. of Phebe Tillock's Children) — — — — — — — —	42,, 6
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & attendance on the poor, from March 1811, to this date — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	30,, 38
To Isaac Dana in full for finding Materials, & afsisting in hanging the Bell — — — — — — — —	16,, 60
To Francis Whitney in full for supplies deld Workmen at the Bridge — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 99
To Artemas Murdock in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes in 1810 — — — — — — — — —	120,, 32
To Ezra Farrar in full for expence in hanging the Bell, leasing the fishery, & for Committee's expence on Ministerial Land &c. — — — — — —	24,, 70
To ditto in full for Selectmen's expences last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	34,, 7
To E. Morse & G. W. Coffin in full for use of a Scow in repairing the Bridge — — — — — —	

To Nath[l] Bemis Jun[r] in full for Medicines & attendance on Samuel Avery, Eliza Brown (a Mullatto) & her Child ———————————

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs being duely warned assembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 15th day of March AD 1813 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows

Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator
Voted & Chose Gilbert Nichols* Town Clerk
Gilbert Nichols was Sworn into the Office of Town Clerk by Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator
Voted & Chose Abijah White Town Treasurer
It was Voted to have the Votes for Selectmen five in Number brought in on one Ticket

Voted & Chose for Selectmen
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Jonas White
- Josep Bright
- Daniel Bond
- Enoch Wiswall

Voted & Chose for Aſſeſſors
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Abijah White
- Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this Meeting
Voted to adjourn this Meeting untill three of the Clock this afternoon then to meet at this place & the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd— Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

In the afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house for the purpose of giveing in their Votes for County Treasurer—

Editorial Note:—Many words were misspelled in original text by Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk. Script has been followed exactly, in transcribing record.

Voted to postpone giveing in their Votes for County Treasurer to the adjournment of this Meeting—Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting was opened by the adjournment in the forenoon and proceeded as follows

Voted & Chose as Constables
- Jonathan Childs
- Ebenezar Chenery excused See Page 81
- Jeduthan Fuller excused by his request

Voted to chose* the remaining Town Officers by Hand Votes

Voted & Choose* for Fence Viewers
- Joseph Peirce
- Peter Clark
- William Leathe

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into Office (Viz) which were chosen this day (Viz) Thomas Clark Joseph Bright & Daniel Bond, before Nathaniel R. Whitney Esq[r]

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen
- Nathaniel Woodard
- Paul Learnard

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Voted & Chose as Surveyors of Highways—
- Adam Brown
- Joshua Coolidge
- Daniel Bond excused by his request
- Amos Bond excused by his request
- Zacheus Pond excused by his request
- Charles Whitney excused by his request
- Francies Bright
- Jonathan Stone
- David Livermore

Voted & Chose as Field Drivers
- William Horn
- Thomas Richardson
- William Leathe excused by his request
- Clinton Thayer
- Moses Coolidge
- Charles Stone
- Nathaniel Harrington
- Richard Sanger

**Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.*

Voted & Chose as Hogreaves
- Josiah Coolidge
- Joshua Coolidge Junr
- Jonathan Stone Junr
- Jonathan Wyeth
- Justin Dyer
- Saml Pond
- George Coolidge

Voted & Chose Clerks of Markett
- Edward Lowd
- John Clark
- Nathaniel R. Whitney Junr

Voted & Chose Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Edward Lowd
- Isaac Dana

Voted & Chose Surveyors of Board & Timber
- Isaac Dana
- Joseph Peirce excused by his request
- Edward Lowd
- Jonathan Childs

Voted & Chose Firewards
- Nathaniel Bemis Esqr
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nathaniel Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & Chose John Rufsell pound Keeper the Ensuing Year———

Voted & Chose for Fishwardens
- Nathaniel Weld excused by his request
- Nathl R. Whitney excused by his request
- Levi Thaxter excused by his request
- Asaac* Dana
- Josiah Learnard excused by his request
- Edward Lowd
- Josiah Coolidge

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3^{d} Voted that the Selectmen be empower'd to appoint a Sexton for the ensueing Year & agree with him for his Services——

4th Voted that the Swine shall not go at large the ensueing Year

*Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.

Voted that the neats Cattle shall not go at large the ensueing Year

5th Voted that Nine hundred Dollars shou'd be granted the ensueing Year for the support of the Schools
Voted that the money granted for the support of the Schools the ensueing Year be equaly divided between the three districts as it was the Last Year
Voted to postpone the 6th Article respecting raising Money to support the Poor to the adjournment of this Meeting in April

7th Voted to grant fifty Cents on a Single Pole & other estate in propotion & the same price for Labour as Last Year, for the Highway

10th Voted & Chose as Agents to Lease the Fishery the Ensueing Year { Jeduthan Fuller / Amos Bond Esqr

11th Article Voted to be dismis'd

12th Voted to Chose agents to appear before any Court to aſsist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now or may be commenced for rent of the fishery

Voted & Chose to prosecute as aforesaid

{ Tyler Bigelow (excused by his request
Edmund Fowle
Edward Lowd (excused by his request
Nathl Bemis (excused by his request
Adam Brown (excused by his request
Elikim Morse (excused by his request
Josiah Child (excused by his request
Thaddeus Cole (excused by his request
Nathl R. Whitney (excused by his request

Voted to postpone the further consideration of the above Article untill the 1st Monday of April next

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen Dated November 2d 1812 recorded in Page 70 relaiting to a Road laid out from the Watering place (so Called) through the Land of Edmund Fowle Jonas White Ministerial Land (so called) & the Land of Marshall Spring to the Corner of the house now improved by Jeduthan Fuller

Voted to Chose a Committee to enquire what the probable expence of the above mentioned Road would be & to aſsertain what the Owners of the Land would dispose of the Land for

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Enoch Wiswall, Moses Coolidge, Nath[l] Bemis

Voted to postpone the request of Artimas Murdock & others untill April meeting next

Voted to adjourn this meeting. Voted to adjourn this meeting untill 7 of the Clock to the House of Ezra Farrer* Inholder and the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeable to adjournment the inhabitants assembled at the House of Ezra Farrer. The Meeting was accordingly opened

Voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes the ensueing Year to the Lowest Bider under the same restrictions that they were the Last Year
The West district of State & County Town & Minister Taxes were put up & Struck off to Edmund Fowle for three Cents & three fourths of a Cent ℔ Dollar
The East district of State & County Town & Minister Taxes were put up & Struck of to Moses Chenery for Two & half Cents ℔ Dollar
Voted to Chose Edmund Fowle & Moses Chenery Collectors for the ensueing Year

The Hay Scales were put up & struck of to Thadeus Cole for the term of One Year from the 1st day of April next for Thirty nine Dollas

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up & Struck off to Isaac Dana for Two Dollars and five Cents for the Year ensueing

Voted to adjourn the Meeting.
Voted to adjourn the Meeting intill the first Monday of April next then to meet at the Public Meeting house at four of the Clock in the afternoon. And the Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into Office respectively as they were Chosen this day (Viz)

Jonathan Child Constable. Joseph Peirce Peter Clark William Leathe, fence Viewers, Jonathan Stone Surveyor of Highways, W[m] Horn Clinton Thayer Tho[s] Richardson

**Editorial Note:—probably meant for Ezra Farrar.*

Field Drivers. Jonathan Wyeth Justin Dyer Sam[l] Pond Hogreaves. Edward Lowd Clerk of the Markett. Edward Lowd Isaac Dana Cullers of Hoops & Staves——— Isaac Dana Edward Lowd Jonathan Child Surveyors of boards Plank & Timber. Richard Sanger Field driver

Sworn before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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8th	Article, Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treasurer & Aſsesſor the Last Year — — —	88.50
	Voted to grant Isaac Dana, in full for Wedgeing the Stock of the Bell — — — —	2.00
	Voted to grant William Horn, in full for Warning Town Meetings the Last Year	6.00

Note. the record of the Above Article was omitted in course, the Last Meeting March 15th 1813——although acted upon as above in its proper place———————

Recorded by—— Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Innholder of Watertown on Monday 25th of March AD 183*

They iſsued the following Warrants (Viz)

Middlesex ſs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown. Greeting———————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown of twenty one Years of age & upwards, haveing a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the anual Income of the** pounds or any Estate to the amount of Sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the 5th day of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Govenor, Lieutenant Govenor Senators and Counſellors, agreeably to the constitution of said Commonwealth———

Editorial Note:—probably meant for the year 1813.

***Editorial Note:—the; probably meant "three."*

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting——Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this 25th day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirteen—

Thomas Clark, Daniel Bond, Enoch Wiswall } Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs Watertown April 5th AD 1813.—Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public Meetinghouse in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting———

Jonathan Child Constable—

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown———Greeting———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the free hold and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the Public meeting house in said town on Monday the 5th day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles

1st to Choose a Moderator———

2d to know if the town will approve & allow of the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a Highway from the great Road in front of the Cotton Factory a straight course through the Land of Docr Marshall Spring, Ministerial Land & Land of Jonas White Land of Edmund Fowle & town Land to the Corner of Hubbard Ruſsell's Garden on the Road leading from Meeting house hill (so Called) to West Cambridge, or Act any thing thereon———

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3d To know if the town will give the Selectmen any instruction relating to Pews belonging to the Town or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, before the time appointed for said meeting———

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Thirteen⸗

Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Daniel Bond } for
Enoch Wiswall } Watertown

Middlesex ſs Watertown April 5th 1813 Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested Copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable⸗

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The agents of the town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of Leaseing the Fishery in Watertown Weston & Waltham agreeable to an act, paſs'd March 2d 1798 empowering the Towns of Watertown Weston & Waltham to lease the Fishery called Shad & Alewives within the Limits of said Watertown met at the house of Ezra Farrer Inholder in said town on Monday twenty ninth day of March AD 1813 at two of the Clock in the afternoon———

The agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents Watertown proceeded as follows⸗

1st Chose Gilbert Nichols Clerk for said agents———

2d agreed to adjourn the meeting to six of the Clock then to meet at this place——And the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd⸗

The Agents aforesaid, met at the time and place aforementioned by adjournment, and proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

They agreed to Lease all the privilege & the right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensueing Year on the following conditions (Viz)

The privilege of taking the fish Called Shad & Alewives within the limits beforedescribed three days each Week &

no more, to the highest bidder, he or they giveing Security for the payment to the acceptance of Said Agents——Five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next, And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have & of having a new One if in Judgement of the Agents it may be neſseſsary———

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The person or persons who hire the Fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the Use of the Seine if they are used for the Fishery in Newton, in proportion to the Rent of the Fishery in Watertown & Newton the present Year— And, was struck off to Elijah Norcroſs for three Hundrd & twenty Dollars——Rec'd Sixteen Dollars of Elijah Norcroſs & Others as earnest money, & a Note payable on or before the first day of September next for Three hundred & four Dollars Interest after due.

April 5th AD 1813 Jonas White sworn into office as Selectman before Thos Clark Justice of peace

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to Vote for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors, being duely warned & Regularlly asembled at the public Meeting-house of said town on monday the 5th day of April AD 1813 the Selectmen presideing the List of voters was revised and read the Votes for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor, Counsellors & Senators were called for & brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the following persons had the number of votes that are hereunder anex'd to their names (Viz)—

For Govenor

His Excellency Caleb Strong had one hundred & six
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum had one hundred & thirty eight

For Lieutenant Govenor

Hon. William Phillips had one hundred & six———
Hon. William King had one hundred & thirty eight

For Senators & Counsellors

Josiah Bartlet Esqr had one hundred & four———
Asahel Stearnes Esqr had one hundred & six———

Loamma Baldwin Esqr had one hundred & six———
Samuel P. P. Fay had one———
Samuel Hoar Esqr had one hundred & thirty seven———
Revd Edmund Foster had one hundred thirty seven——
Timothy Fuller Esqr had one hundred thirty six———

Voted to adjourn this Meeting. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer's there to meet at six of the Clock this evening for the purpose of completeing & Sealing the returns of Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors. & the meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

Then the meeting was opened by adjournment from the 15th day of March last, by adjournment for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Treasurer which were called for sorted & Counted which were as follows (Viz)

Benjamin Prescott Junr had ninety two } for County
Abiel Haywood Esqr had Seventy six } Treasurer

At a public town Meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting house in said town by adjournment from the 15 day of March last AD 1813 & proceeded as follows (Viz)

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Voted to postpone the 6th article under March Meeting warrant———
Voted to excuse Ebenezar Chenery from serveing as Constable———
Voted & Chose Edward Lowd for a Constable the ensueing Year in Lieu of Eben^{r} Chenery———
Sworn into the Office of Constable Edward Lowd before Gilbert Nichols T. Clerk
Voted & Chose Nathl R. Whitney & Thadeus Cole with Edmund Fowle (who was chosen the 15th day March Last at the public Town meeting) as agents for the town, for the purpose of appearing before any Court to assist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now or may be commenced for rent of the Fishery 1811———
Voted to dismifs the 13th Article so far as respects the petition of Artimas Murdock & others———
Voted to ajourn this meeting to May Town meeting next

then to Meet at 4 of the Clock, and the meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public meeting of the freeholders, & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified to vote in town affairs regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on monday the 5th day of April AD 1813——And proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator of said meeting———

Minist^{l} Fund

The Corporation of the Ministerial Funds made the following Report (Viz)

To the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, in Town meeting afsembled, Monday 5th AD 1813———

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund, represent to the town that in pursiance of their duty since the Incorporation of said fund, they have caused a survey of the Ministerial Lands to be taken, & a plan of the same, describing the contemplated Streets here after to be opened, & divideing it into squares, in a manner, which they consider to be the most convenient & advantageous for the erection of Houses & other buildings.

That in pursuance of the authority given them in & by the Act of Incorporation, they have laid out & established a Street forty feet in width, in a direction leading from the main Street in front of the Cotton Factory to the road leading from the meeting house, over meetinghouse hill, near the corner of Hubbard Rufsell's Garden, as far as the Ministerial lands extend.

That they have laid out & established an other Street fifty feet leading from the Great Road a little East of the Brick Schoolhouse to the forty feet Street aformentioned, both of said Streets to be opened and made at the expence of the town.

That they leased the whole of the lands the last season for the sum of $215.00. That they contracted for the sale of four lots (*page torn*) which, together measure about 340 feet square at the sum of $1325 (*page torn*)

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And have leased the remainder of the Lands for the ensueing season for the sum of $176,,00 reserveing the right of disposeing of any part of the same & of opening Roads, Deducting from the rent the ammount of injury that may be sustained by such Sales, & Roads if any happen———

A statement of the Funds of the Corporation is here with exhibited By which it appears that there is a ballance of Incum to the 1st of April Instant, $226.71¢—which when collected will remain to be applyed towards the support of the Minister of the Town, in such way & manner, as the town may direct.———

The trustees further, beg leave to represent that it will be nefsessary for the convenience of those persons who have purchased; that the Streets aforsaid, shou'd be opened & made in the course of the present season, and they are enduced to believe, that if good & convenient roads, shou'd be made, it will be an enducement for others to purchase, and they doubt not, that by a Juditious & proper attention to the businefs, a sufficient number of Lots may be sold, to produce an Incum, equal to the Salary of the Minister, in the course of a very few Years.

By order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk———

State of Ministerial Funds

The Trustees of Watertown Ministerial Funds Charge themselves

For Isaac Pattens 2 Notes — — — — — — — —		$180.00
Inst from 1st Oct 1811 to 1st April 1813	$16.20	
For Ezra Farrers Note — — — — — — — — —		37.50
Inst from 1st April 1812 to 1st April 1813 — — — — — — — — — —	2.25	
For Wiswall Fuller & Co Note — — — — — — —		8.00
Inst of do to 1st April 1813 — — —	0.67	
For Rent* of Land Leased to Mr Eliot to 1st April 1813 — — — — — — — —	20.00	
For Rent* of Land Leased Wiswall Fuller & Co — — — — — — — — —	12.00	
For Rent* of Land Leased to Mark Vose	186.19	237.31
		$462.81

Editorial Note: Script illegible; possibly Inst, Rect, Rent.

From which is to be deducted—

Amount of Principal of said Notes to be reserved as part of Capital of said Fund — — — — — —	225.50
Expence for Books for Records — — — — — —	5.50
Expence of corporation Seal — — — — — — —	5.00
Ballance of Incum to be paid toward support of the Minister of the Town, when collected — —	226.81
	$462.81

Watertown April 1st 1813—

Attest Levi Thaxter Treasurer of Said Corporation

Voted to appropriate the Ballance of Incum in the Above Report, to the support of the Minister of said Town Viz $226.81———

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Voted to accept the following report of the Selectmen (Viz)

On the Petition of Jonathan Child & Others, praying the Selectmen of said Town, to lay out a Road from the great Road, in front of the Cotton Factory over Lands of Marshal Spring Esqr Ministerial Lands, Lands of Jonas White Esqr & Lands of Edmund Fowle to the Road leading from the meeting house over meetinghouse hill to West Cambridge

The Selectmen report that haveing given notice to the parties interested in said Lands, & haveing meet them & heard their Objection & after viewing the propsed Road, do determine that it is of common convenience to the inhabitants & General nessessity that said Road shou'd be laid out.

And we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Watertown do hereby lay out said Road as follows (Viz) Begining at the great Road Thirteen feet or thereabouts Southardly corner of a house owned by Marshall Spring Esqr now improved by Jeduthan Fuller from thence over Lands belonging to said Spring in a Straight line to a stake on Ministerial Lands being the Westardly bounds of a Street Laid out by the corporation of Ministerial Lands or funds in said Town, from thence in a straight line over Ministerial lands to Lands of Jonas White Esqr & over lands of said White & Edmund Fowle in a straight line to the Southardly corner of the late Hubbard Rufsells Garden said Road to be on

the Southardly side of said bounds, & forty feet wide through the whole course all which is humbly submitted—

Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Dan[l] Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of said Watertown

Voted to choose a Committee of three, to receive Subscriptions, & to assertain as near as may be the expence of said road (above mentioned) also to what the Land can be bought for, & report at the adjournment of March Meeting

Voted & Chofe for said Committee { Levi Thaxter Esq[r] / Jeduthan Fuller / Charles Whitney }

Voted & directed the Selectmen to Lease the Pews belonging to the town

Voted to dissolve the meeting & was accordingly dissolv'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by Law, to vote for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors regularly assembled at the house of Ezra Farrers on the evening of the 5th of April 1813. by adjournment from the public meeting house this day

The Selectmen completed & sealed up the returns of Govenor Lieutenant Govenor Counsellors & Senators, in open Town meeting. Abijah White was sworn in the office of Treasurer of said Town Edward Lowd was sworn into Office of Constable the ensuing Year.——before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

Abijah White & Gilbert Nichols sworn into office of Afsefsors before Thomas Clark Justice of the peace———

Thomas Clark Esq[r] sworn into Office of Afsefsor before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——David Livermore sworn into office of Surveyor of Highways April 12 1813 Before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

April 14th 1813 Adam Brown sworn into Office of Surveyor of Highways before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 29th 1813 Joshua Coolidge was sworn & Surveyor of Highways Francies Bright sworn as surveyor of highways before G. Nichols Town Clerk

Moses Chenery was sworn as Collector of the East list of Taxes August 23d & Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen, on Monday 12th April AD 1813 at the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of Leaseing the Pews belonging to the town———

They agreed to lease said Pews for One Year from the 12th of April AD 1813; unleſs said Pews shou'd be sold, & if so who ever shou'd hire must relinquish the same by paying in proportion to the time they improve them; the rent to be paid as follows (Viz) Twenty ℔ cent to be paid within twenty day, the remainder to be paid at the expiration of the Year———
The Godard Pew (so called) was set up, & struck off to Ira Draper for twelve Dollars and twenty Cents———
The East long Pew was set up, & struck off to Clinton Thayer for Eight Dollars———
The west Long Pew was set up & struck off to George Craft for Six Dollars & Seventy five Cents———

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Inholder of Watertown on Thursday 29th of April AD 1813 They isued the following Warrant (Viz)———

Middlesex ſs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth

of

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Of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceeding having a free hold estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house of said town on monday the tenth day of May next, at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chooseing one or more Representatives to represent them at the general

Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next. Hereoff fail not &C———

Also You are alike required to summon & notify the free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house of said Town on monday the tenth day of May next, at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
2d To know if the town will make any Repairs to the East School house & alter the Water course under the same or act any thing thereon
3d To hear the request of Edmund Fowle, relative to the road laid out through his land by the Selectmen, and accepted by the Town at their meeting April 5th 1813, or act any thing thereon
4th To hear the Report of any committee or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty ninth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirteen.

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Dan[l] Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 10th 1813———
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested coppies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in said town, two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable———

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

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At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of Ezra Farrer Inn holder in Watertown on Monday the 3d day of May 1813 they appointed the following persons as Enginemen the ensueing Year, instead of Richard Sanger & Joseph Rufsell Junr discharged (Viz) Edward Richards & Silas Jones———

At a public meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to Vote in the Choise of Representatives, being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 10th day of May AD 1813

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revised & read, the Votes called for & brought in sorted & counted, & proclaimed to stand thus (Viz)

Jonas White Esqr had One hundred & twenty Votes
Thomas Clark Esqr had One hundred & nineteen Votes
Nathl Bemis Esqr had Sixty three Votes
Nathl R. Whitney Esqr had Sixty five Votes

Thomas Clark Esqr & Jonas White Esqr were Shosen——

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned & afsembled at the meeting house of said Watertown on Monday the 10th day of May AD 1813, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Chose Thomas Clark Moderator of Said Meeting
Voted to grant $15,,00 to repair or alter the drean* under the east Schoolhouse to be laid out & expended by Jonathan Stone the Surveyor of Highways of said district
Voted to grant $10,,00 to repair the seats &C of the afore-said Schoolhouse
Voted that the School committee of said district be a Committee to lay out & expend the above grant of $10.00 Dollars, to repair the seats &C of said East Schoolhouse

Voted to dismifs the 3d Article (Viz) to hear the request of Edmund Fowle———

Voted to axcept the report of Levi Thaxter & others & order the same on file

**Editorial Note:—drean; probably meant "drain."*

Voted to grant $200,, Dollars for the purpose above mentioned in said report Viz to be laid out on the Road laid out by the Selectmen through the Land of Marshall Spring Esq[r] in front of the Cotton Factory to the Ministerial Land (so called) & pay the same into the hands of the corporation of the Ministerial Funds for them to lay out & expend on said Road

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Voted to Excuse the Corporation of Ministerial funds from receiveing & laying the Money granted for said Road, at their own request———
Voted that the Selectmen shou'd be a Committee to lay out & expend the said sum of $200,, on said Road & build a sufficient fence on each side of said Road through the Land of Marshal Spring Esq[r]

Recorded by——Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified to Vote in Town affairs being duly warned & afsembled at the meeting house of said town on Monday 10th day of May AD 1813 by adjournment from the 15th day of March last, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted that the Treasurer shou'd pay Jonathan Stone in full for his service in taking Invoice & Makeing Taxes for the Year 1812—10 Days— at One Dollar & half ℔ Day — — — — — — — — 15,, 00

Also Thomas Clark for takeing Invoice & Makeing Taxes for the Year 1812 days @ One Dollar & fifty cents ℔ Day — — — — — — — —

Voted to choose two additional Fieldrivers———

Voted & Chose as additional Field drivers — Josiah Learnard, Solomon Dutton

Voted to grant Twelve hundred Dollas for the support of the Poor of said town the ensueing Year

Voted to axcept the report of the committee appointed to examine the late Treasury Accounts which was as follows (Viz)

That Nath[l] R. Whitney the late Treasurer is
Credited by ——————————— 8904.47
and is charged with ——————————— 7672.24

Ballance due the Treasurer ——————— $1232.23

Watertown April 29th 1813 the above is a just & true statement of Nath[l] R. Whitney late Treasurers accounts to the twenty ninth day of April AD 1813—As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same

Tho[s] Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
} Committee

(on file)———

Voted that the Treasurer shou'd give the late Treasurer a Note for the above ballance due him on Settlement of the Treasurer accounts.

Voted to grant Five hundred Dollars as an additional sum for the support of the Poor of said Town the ensueing Year———

Moses Coolidge Nath[l] Harrington & Josiah Learnard Solomon Dutton was sworn as Fielddrivers
& Recorded by———Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

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May 29th AD 1813. The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant

Middlesex ſs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify, and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet & aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on thursday the third day of June next at four of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles. (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
Whereas the Selectmen have requested the late Treasurer to deliver over into the hands of the present Treasurer all the books & papers relative to that office, together with the

receipts taken by him as Treasurer of the town, and the Book which the first entrys of payments was made being the same book the Selectmen have had recourse to on examining the Treasury accounts which book & Receipts the late Treasurer refuses to deliver up

2d To know what method the town will take to obtain said books & Receipts, and act any thing thereon

3d To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon

4th To know if the town will take any method to collect the Note for the rent of the fishery in Watertown, of Artimas Murdock & others for the last Year and act any thing thereon———

5th To know if the town will choose a committee to hear the proposals of Daniel Jackson relative to the Creek bridge and make any agreement with him about the same, and act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant an your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands, and seals at Watertown this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & thirteen

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Daniel Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs, Watertown May 31st 1813. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned

Jonathan Child Constable———

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

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At a public meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of town of Watertown, qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs, being duly warned, and aſsembled at the meeting house on Thursday the third day of June 1813, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the warrant for said meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator———

Voted to choose a committee of five persons, to receive of Nath[l] R. Whitney Esq[r] the late Town Treasurer, all the books & papers relating to that office, consisting of his original books of Entries, which the Selectmen have had recourse to in adjusting the Treasury accounts yearly, which he calls his waste book, & the Ledger which is bound in parchment, giveing a receipt for the same.

Voted & Chose for said committee
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Levi Thaxter. Excu[d] by his request
- Enoch Wiswall
- Gilbert Nichols
- Jonas White Esq[r]
- Abijah White Excus[d] by his request
- Jonathan Child

Voted that the above Committee be directed, on the refusal of said Whitney, to take what measures they shall see fitt to obtain said books & papers

4th Voted that the present town Treasurer be directed to collect the Note given by Artimas Murdock & others for the use of the fishery of said town for the Year 1812———

5th Voted to choose a Committee to hear the proposals of Dan[l] Jackson relative to the Creek bridge
Voted that said Committee consist of five persons———

Voted & Chose the present Selectmen for said Committee

Voted to accept the List of Jurors made & presented by the Selectmen———

Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney the late Treasurer a coppy of his record, or the Town Treasurers book of Entries

Voted to dissolve the meeting, which was accordingly declared disolvd.

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown June 21st 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the followning persons the sums of Money anexed to their names (Viz)

To Abigal Lawrence for surporting Eliza Brown	$7,, 68
To Nath[l] Woodard for his Services ringing the Bell & takeing care of the Meetinghouse diging Graves for Aaron Whitney & S Saunders & Randall	40,, 00
Peter Tufts for Surveying & drawin plan of the Ministerial Lands	9,, 00
Jeduthan Fuller for Ringing Bell from Feb[ry] 4 1811 To Oct[r] 11th 1811	12,, 00
Jonathan Child for his Accounts allow'd March 8th 1813 for warning Town Meetings	12,, 00
Tho[s] Clark for his Servicies an Afsefsor 1812	22,, 50
Nathan Barnard & Mofes Whitney for Saveing* Timber belonging to the great Bridge	1,, 25
Jonathan Stone for his Servicies as Afsefsor 1812	15,, 00
W[m] Horn for warning Town meetings	6,, 00
July 20th Ballance due Paul Revere & Son for Bell	348,, 81

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 30th day of August AD 1813 they approbated the persons here under named as Innholders & Retailors the ensueing Year (Viz)

Ezra Farrer
Charles Stratton } For Innholders
Sam[l] Bellows

Joseph Peirce
John Clark
Luke Bemis
Seth Bemis } For Retailors
Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
Dan[l] Jackson Jun[r]

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

**Editorial Note:—Saveing; possibly "sawing."*

Whereas a dispute has arrisen between Jonas White and Christopher Grant both of Watertown Esq[rs] about their respective rights in a partition fence in a line between their lands or farms at the north part of Watertown.

we the subscribers fence viewers of the town of Watertown duly shosen & sworn haveing on the aplication of said White (and after haveing due notice to said Grant) viewed the said premicies and duly considered the matter in dispute have assigned & do hereby assign to each of the parties his share of the fence as follows (Viz) the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from Jonas & Leonard

Bonds

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Bonds land runing northerly twenty rods & twenty one links & said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence one the other part of said line (Viz) from the fence of said White running northardly twenty rods & twenty one links to a stone wall, & said White shall build & keep in repair a like fence begining at said Grants fence & running northerly thirty two rods, the said Grant shall build & keep in repair the fence from the said Whites last mentioned bounds runing northerly two rods thence turning & running easterly twenty two rods & five links the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from said Grant's last mentioned bounds turning and runing northerly thirteen rods & twenty two links then turning & runing westerly one rod & fifteen links the said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line begining at said White's last mentioned bounds and runing Westerly one rod & twenty two links then turning and runing northerly twenty one rods & ten links to land of Nath[l] Bright & whereas a like dispute has arisen betwen the said White & Grant about their respective right in a partition in a line betwen one other piece of Land or farm near the before mentioned premises we have assigned & do hereby assign to each of said parties his share of fence as follows (Viz) the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from the northeast corner of Nath[l] Brights fresh medow running easterly thirty five rods & four links to a corner of fence & said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line (Viz) from the corner of said Whites last mentioned bound running

northerly thirty six rods and eight links to the road leading from Watertown to West Cambridge

Given under our hands at said Watertown this 10th day of August AD 1813

William Leathe
Peter Clark
Joseph Peirce
} fence Viewers

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen September 20th 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the Sums of Money anexed their names. (Viz).

Jacob Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney one year	20,, 00
Thadeus Cole's premium for collecting Taxes in the year 1808 & 1809	163,, 06
David Sanger One year's Interest on Note due from Town to Oliver Learnard	7,, 80
David Sanger in part for the principal on Note due from Town to Oliver Learnard	30,, 00
Levi Thaxter, Sally Nutting's order in part for support of Jonathan Nutting	20,, 00
Sally Nutting's Ballance due her for board & clothing for Jonathan Nutting to August 14th 1813	64,, 65
Amelia Sparhawk CMs house rent p Jonas Learnard p Hannah Learnard Rect	12,, 50
Nath[l] Weld for his A/c for boarding Lincoln & others	24,, 62
John Stimpson Jnr for his A/c for Horse man & Waggon	6,, 00
Joseph Peirce for boarding Thos Wellington Jnr 5m 11ds	29,, 90
Eleazer Clapp for Medicines & attendance on Mrs Barry	9,, 50
Abraham Sanger a/c in full for boarding his Mother from March 2d 1813	31,, 50

Abraham Sanger a/c in full for boarding his Mother from March 2d 1813 to August 20th 1813	42,, 75
Abraham Sanger for 1 days labour hanging the Bell — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 25
Isaac Dana acct for Coffin for Aaron Whitney —	4,, 00
David Baker acct for Journey to Chelsey to Summons Williams as Witnefs — — — — — — —	2,, 50
Ezra Farrer in full for Expences in hanging the Bell & Leasing the fishery Committee's Expences on Ministerial Lands — — — — — — — — — — —	24,, 70
Ezra Farrer in full for Selectmens Expences last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	34,, 07
Caleb Lincoln for Labour on Bridge &C — — —	30,, 50

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Also the Selectmen agreed to give notice to the Selectmen of West Cambridge to meet at the toll house on Concord Turnpike near the brick house owned by Richard Richardson, the 11th day of October next at two of the Clock P.M., also the Selectmen of Waltham to meet at the house of Thomas Clark Esqr in Watertown on Monday the 18th day of October next at two of the Clock P.M. also the Selectmen of Newton to meet at Ezra Farrer's in Watertown the 11th day of October next at two of the clock P.M. also the Selectmen of Cambridge to meet at the house of Saml Bellows in Watertown on Monday the 11th day of October next at two of the Clock P M., To perambulate run & renew the lines between said towns according to a Law of this commonwealth which notice was to be given by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Joseph Bright was appointed to perambulate the lines between West Cambridge & Watertown
Daniel Bond was appointed to perambulate between Newton & Watertown.
Enoch Wiswall was appointed to perambulate between Cambridge & Watertown
Thomas Clark was appointed to perambulate between Waltham & Watertown. Recor'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the lines, renew & establish the bounds between the towns of Watertown & Newton have attended that Service as follows, (Viz)

1st beginging at a stone by Charles River in land belonging to Nath[l] Weld marked .W.N.

2d from thence runing Southarly to a stone in land belonging to John Richardson, marked W.N. which bounds makes a corner

3d from thence runing Westerly to a stone in the road near the old house belonging to D[r] Morse marked .W.N.

4th from thence to a stone by the house of Cornelius Lenox marked W.N. thence runing Northerly to a stone by Charles River, marked W.N. in land belonging to Ludy* Harris——All of Which we have renewed & agreed to Oct 11. 1813

Caleb Kenrick, Sam[l] Hide } Selectmen of Newton

Daniel Bond } Selectman of Watertown

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We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and West Cambridge, having been appointed to perambulate the lines of said towns, haveing meet agreeable to notice for that purpose proceeded as follows—Viz—

1st Begining on the Westerly side of fresh Pond (so called) at a Post standing near the Pond in the line of division between lands of T. Apthorp & Elizabeth Prentifs & marked on the Southerly side, W. and on the Northerly side, W.C. from thence to a post standing in the Whitney Land (so called) at the Southerly Corner of said Apthorp Land & marked in manner before mentioned, from thence to a maple tree marked as before said tree stands in land of Leonard Stone being the Southerly line of the Cambridge & Concord Turnpike Road, from thence to a Post marked as before, standing in land of the heirs of Solomon Prentice deceased, on the Southerly side of said Turnpike,—thence Northerly to a swamp white Oak tree standing in land of Leonard & Jonas Bond & marked as before,—from thence to a white Oak tree standing in the land of Thos & Peter Clark & marked as before named,—from thence to a Stone on a hill in land of said Thos & Peter Clark being the bound mark

*Editorial Note:—possibly Lucy; script illegible.

between Watertown & Waltham marked on the Northerly side with the Letter C. & on the Westerly side W. & on the Easterly side .W.

Done at West Cambridge
Oct[t] 18th 1813

Joseph Bright } Selectman of Watertown

Tho[s] Rufsell } Selectmen of West Cambridge
James Perry }

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Watertown & Waltham haveing Perambulated & run the lines between said towns on the 18th day of October 1813 & found the antient marks & monuments as follows

1st at a Stone marked .W.W. in Peter Clarks land by West Cambridge line 2[d] at a heap of Stones of a flat rock in Cap[t] Charles Wellington's land (formerly the land of S. White
3[d] at a heap of stones in Jonas White's land by Ceder tree (formerly the land of Phinehas Stearnes
4th At a Walnut tree marked W W in Nath[l] Brights land
5th Across the Tom Harrington Well (so called)———
6th At a black oak tree marked W.W in Jonas Whites land
7th At a heap of Stones by the side of Barne's Wall about

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About 15 rods eas of his house 8th At a heap of stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidges's wall 9th At a Buttonwood tree mark'd .W.W. in the land of Christopher Gore 10th At a walnut tree mark'd W W. in said Gores land

Tho[s] Clark } Selectman of Watertown

October 18th AD 1813

David Townsend } Selectman of Waltham

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 4th day of October AD 1813 they signed an Order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following Persons, anex'd their names (Viz)—

To John Remington for his board 14 weeks since the 25th of June he haveing at that time requested assistance — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 00

To Isaac Dana in full for hanging the Bell and finding materials for the same — — — — — — — 16,, 60

To Isaac Dana for plank Bot of Jackson & Lincoln for the Creek bridge in the year 1810 — — 12,, 39

To Isaac Dana for his servicies for procureing the above plank — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 00

To David Fuller in full for Plow for Town use — 10,, 00

To Henry Craft in full for stones for Creek bridge 19,, 00

To Benjamin Rufsell for advertiseing Petition for Court house — — — — — — — — — — — — — 5,, 00

To your self for Cash pd Catharine Hay for boarding Lucy Popenberry 7 weeks to August 11th 1813 7,, 00

To Paul Learnard Administrator to Saml Learnard Estate for five months board of Benjamin Learnard — — — — — — — — — — — — — 25,, 00

To Elijah Norcrofs for string in Seanes in the year 1809–1811. & 1812 — — — — — — — — — 16,, 70

To Adam Brown for his account for work on the Road — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 00

To David Livermore for his a/c for work on the Road — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, 98

To Danl Coolidge a Ballance due him for Premium for collecting Taxes — — — — — — — — —

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Oct 26th 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to deliver over to William Gay, Richard Richardson's Note of hand for Nine hundred Dollars payable to said William Gay Dated May 29th 1807 the same being the property of said Gay & heretofore left for safe keeping with the Treasurer of Watertown

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At a meeting of the Selectmen December 6th AD 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anex'd their names, Viz.

To Abjiah White to Cash paid Benjamin Gardner Novr 24th 1813 in part pay for boarding Lucy Hager — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 0
To Abijah White for Cash paid Caty Hay for boarding Mrs Popenberry & Anne Green from September 28th 1813 to November 17th 1813 & wine & supplys &C — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 16
To Abijah White for Cash paid Ewd Lowd in part for sundry accounts allow'd him heretofore Nov 2, 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, 0
To Abijah White to cash pd Nathl Bemis Jnr Novr 1, 1813 for Medicine & attendance on S. Avery Eliza Brown & Child — — — — — — — —	9,, 25
To Joseph Bright for perambulating the lines between Watertown & West Cambridge & Waltham in 1808 & Watertown & West Cambridge in 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 00
To Thomas Larrabee his Bill for Bell Rope — —	5,, 89
To Eliakim Morse for a Rope agreeable to a report of Edd Fowle Nathl R. Whitney & Josiah Learnard — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	29,, 00
To Mark Vose ballance due him for boarding the Poor of the town of Watertown & supplys dld them except—Sarah Cutter from Jany 20th 1811 to Jany 20th 1812 & Joseph Cuter from Jany 20th 1811 to may 6th 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — —	

Watertown Decr 6th 1813
Record'd by
Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
Selectmen of Watertown

At a meeting of the Selectmen December 23d 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anex'd their names (Viz)

To Ira Draper his act for Tar & Brush supply'd the town for use of creek Bridge — — — — —	2,, 8
To Z & S Pond for their a/c for mending Plow & Iron Bar 1812 — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 13
To John Tucker for a room for a womans Schooll ten weeks cash pd Leonard Harris for seats for do	9,,
To Mary Fowle for teaching a School in the middle district from May 25th 1812 to Oct 19th 1812, 21 weeks @ $3 — — — — — — — — — — —	63,,
To Ewd Lowd for boarding a School master in the middle district from May 11th 1812 to Dec. 8th 1812. 30 Week & 2 day — — — — — — — — —	90,, 86
To Wm Earl for a room for Womans School in Middle district 6 weeks @ 1,,50 ℔ Month — —	2,, 25
To yourself for Cash pd Francies Whitney Abial Jaques order for teaching School in Middle district from April 19th 1813 14⅓ Week — — —	125,, 41

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To yourself for cash pd Joshua Longley Decr 14th 1813 for boarding Miſs White & Sundrys supply'd her & for Joel Pages Bill for boarding Lucy White from 1s June 1812 to the 1st of June 1813 — — —	82,, 62
To yourself to Cash p'd Benjamin Gardner in part for boarding Lucy Hager pd December 10th 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,,
To Mathew Hawks in part pay for makeing a road through the Ministerial land oposite the Cotton factory — — — — — — — — — — — —	50,,

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Daniel Bond
Selectmen of Watertown

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

December 6th 1813 the Selectmen isued the following Warrant

Middlesex. ſs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the twentieth day of December Inst, at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
2d To know if the town will sink the taxes set to certain persons, or any of them & hear the Collectors reasons respecting the same and act any thing thereon
3d To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to allow the premiums to the Collectors who have not settled their collection within one year after they have received their lists of Taxes and act any thing thereon
4th To know if the town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting the outstanding Taxes & Notes due the town and act any thing thereon.
5th To hear the statement of the Selectmen respecting the poor persons of said town and act any thing thereon
6th To hear the statement of the Selectmen & Mark Vose respecting Sarah Cuter & Child and act any thing thereon

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7th To know if the town will give their Representatives any instructions respecting procureing a new act to prevent the destruction of fish in Charles River or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting
Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirteen

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Dan[l] Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex. ſs, Watertown Decr 20th 1813
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to assemble at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Jonathan Child Constable
Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned and assembled at the Meeting house of said town on Monday the 20th day of December 1813 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the warrant for said meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz.)

Voted & chose Jonas White their Moderator

2^{d} Voted & Chose the Selectmen & Aſſeſſors for a Committee to examine Moses Chenery's & Charles Whitney's list of person's taxes brought before the town to be sunk up to the year 1813, & sink such of them as they shall think proper, & report at the next town meeting

3^{d} Voted, that if the Collectors who have not settled up their Taxes with the Treasurer before the year 1813, come ferw'd & settle the same with the Treasurer within sixty days from the date of this meeting shall be allow'd their premiums
Voted that the Selectmen & Aſſeſſors be a committee to Aliquidate & Settle the premium with Charles Whitney for the Collection of the remnant of Taxes committed to him

after

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After the decease of Saml Cook, which was formerly committed to said Cook before his decease

4th Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on all those who are indebted to the town, for a settlement, & to take Notes & renew the old ones takeing good security or the money
Voted that the Treasurer isue his execution after sixty days from the date of this meeting against those Collectors who have not settled up the Taxes committed to them before the year 1813

5th Voted to approve of the doings of the Selectmen respecting the poor of the town of Watertown

6th Voted that the Selectmen be directed not to pay to Mark Vose his charge for boarding Sarah Cutter from Jany 20th 1811 to Jany 20th 1812 & Joseph Cutter from Jany 20th 1811 to May 6th 1813 untill further orders of the town

7th Voted that the Representatives be hereby instructed to endeavour to procure a new act to prevent the distruction of fish in Charles River if they think proper

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer December 6th AD 1813 they Recd the following petition To the Honorable board of Selectmen for the town of Watertown, we the Subscribers wishing to open a drain from the West side & south of the great Bridge over Charles River on the west side of the Road to the land lately & now partly owned by Israel Cook the drain to be well cover'd with Stones & finished in a workmanlike maner, your approbation to the above request, will much oblige your humble servants

Watertown December 6th AD 1813 { Joseph Peirce / Enoch Wiswall }

The above request is granted by the subscribers Selectmen on condition that said Peirce & Wiswall file in the town Clerks Office an Obligation to bind them & their Asigns to for ever & save the town harmlefs from any cost or charge that may arise by reason of said drain & make the least pofsible Obstruction to the Road while makeing said drain

Thos Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright, Daniel Bond } Selectmen for Watertown

Obligation for the above on file. Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer

the 3d day of January 1814 they appointed the following persons as Engine men the Ensueing Year (Viz).

Elisha W Dana	Aaron Clap
Francies Whitney	James Robbins
Clinton Thayer	Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Gilbert Nichols	George Craft
Leonard Harris	Joseph Cole
Josiah White	Nathan Barnard
John Stimpson Jun[r]	William Bright
Jonathan Robbins	Edward Richards
Nath[l] R Whitney Jn[r]	Silas Jones
George Coolidge	Elijah Ray
Jerom Hersey	Daniel Howe

Also they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of money anex'd their names (Viz)

To Benjamin Gardner for boarding & supporting Lucy Hager from March the 29th 1813 to August 30th AD 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — —	$44.00
To Joseph Rufsell Jn[r] for his Acc[t] for boards & nails & labour at the middle district school house & great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 45
To yourself for cash p[d] Benjamin Gardner's ballance for boarding Lucy Hager from Aug 30th 1813 to Nov. 23d 1813 — — — — — — — — — —	*3.34
To Joseph Rufsel Jun[r] in part for makeing fence on the new road in front the Cotton factory — —	25.00
To Josiah Mason & son for Ballance due them for Lumber for Bridge dld in 1809 & 1811 — — — — —	
To Amelia Sparhawk six month house rent from Sept[t] 1 1813 to march 1st 1814 for Jonas Learnard	12.50
To the Rev[d] Richard R Eliot Interest on his quarterly payments that were not pay'd when due — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	46.48

Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright } Selectmen for Watertown

Watertown Jan[y] 3d 1814 Recorded by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Editorial Note:—The listings of accounts begin to indicate single points as well as the two small dashes, between dollars and cents columns. Original script has been followed.

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January 28th 1814. the Selectmen isued the following Warrant
Middlesex ſs To Edward Lowd one of constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet & assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of February next at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.
2d To take into consideration the petition of John Hayden & others, praying for leave to build a dam across Charles River and act any thing thereon.
3d To take into consideration the petition of the town of Concord praying that said town of Concord may be the only shire town for the County & act any thing thereon
4th To take into consideration the petition of the Agents for the town of Cambridge praying that the Court house & Goal* may be erected in the first parrish of said town and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty eight day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

Thomas Clark
Daniel Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown February 6th 1814 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd all the freeholder & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet and assemble as therein directed & for the purposes therein mentioned By posting a Coppy of this warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edward Lowd, Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

*Editorial Note:—probably meant "Gaol."

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At a public town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned and regularly assembled at the public meeting house of said town on monday the 7th day of February 1814 for the purpose of transacting the businefs set forth in the warrant for said meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator for said metg

2d On motion Voted unanimously to oppos the petition for liberty to build said dam across Charles River

On motion Voted to choose a committe of five persons to appear before the legislature to oppose said petition being granted

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond, Eliakim Morse, Nathl Bemis, Enoch Wiswall, Levi Thaxter }

On motion Voted to add two persons to said committee Voted & chose in addition to said committee Tyler Bigelow & Josiah Learnard

3d On Motion Voted to present a memorial to the legislature against the petition of the town of Concord praying that may be made the only shire town for this county.

4th On motion Voted & instructed the representatives of this town to use their influence to prevent the Court house & Goal* being erected at Craigies point according to the desision of the Court of Sefsions for said County

On motion Voted & disolv'd this meeting——

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen February 7th 1814 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons, anex'd their names (Viz)

To Catharine Hay her acct for boarding Lucy Popenberry & Ann Green from Novr 17th to February 19th 1814 12 Weeks — — — — — —	24,, 0

Editorial Note:—probably meant "Gaol."

To Francies Whitney his acc^{t} for Goods dld Charles Nutting ——————————— 6,, 0

John Clark his acc^{t} for Cloth dld Lemuel Whitney 8,, 46

To Ezekiel Whitney his acc^{t} for 4 days work at Bridge ——————————————— 6,, 66

To the inhabitants of the town of Newton for boarding Samuel Bigilow from February 11th 1812 to April 16th 1812 9¾ Weeks @ 9/ ℔ Week 13,, 96

To William Horn his acc^{t} for work'd on the great Bridge ——————————————— 40.82

To Enoch Wiswall his acc^{t} for moneys p^{d} for Lumber & Labour for the great Bridge ——— 90.85

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To Jacob Gale for 31 Ceder Posts for fence for new road in front of Cotton Factory through land of M Spring ——————————— 11,, 63

To George Stearnes for 37 Ceder Posts for fence on new road in front of the Cotton Factory —— 18 50

To Sarah Nutting for boarding &C Jonathan Nutting from August 14th 1813 to Feby 12th 1814

To William Horn for boarding & Clothing for Sally Poppenberry ——————————— 14,, 76

To Nathl Weld his bill for boarding William Horn & his men while at work on the great Bridge —— 18,, 33

To Samuel Cambell his Bill for instructing a School in the Middle district 7½ months in 1812 150,, 00

To Interest in the above $150— to commence May 4th 1812 ——————————————

To Samuel Cambell his Bill for instructing a School in the West district 3¼ Months in 1813 — 104,, 00

To Interest on the above 104 Dollars to commence May 1st 1813 ———————————

To M^{s} Tower her Bill for boarding &C for Lucy Popenberry Le^{o} Harris & Joseph Cutter to Feby 7th 1814 ———————————————

To Charles Whitney his acc^{t} for materials & work in makeing Bridge acroſs new road in front Cotton Factory — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 100,, 00

Watertown Feby 7th 1814—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 7th 1814 the Selectmen isued the following Warrant—

Middlesex ſs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble at the public meeting house in said town, on monday the twenty first day of March, Instant at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a moderator for said meeting

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2^{d} To choose all town Officers required to be chose in the months of March & April annually

3^{d} To choose a sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services.——

4th To determine whether swine & neat Cattle shall at large the ensueing year & act any thing thereon

5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensueing year & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon

6th To grant money to support the poor & act any thing thereon

7th To grant money to repair the highway & act any thing thereon

8th To hear the accounts of those persons, who the town are indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon

9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon

10th To know if the town will take any different measure to support the poor the ensueing year & act any thing thereon
11th To choose agents to lease the fishery the ensueing year & act any thing thereon
12th To know the minds of the town what directions they will to the corporation of Ministerial funds concerning who they shall pay the proceeds to hereafter and act any thing thereon
13th To know if the town will build a new Engine house & enlarge the number of ladders & act any thing thereon
14th To know if the town will build any further Roads on the Ministerial land & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon
15th To know if the town will grant money to pay the debts not allready provided for & act any thing thereon
16th To hear the statement of the Treasurer concerning a settlement with Dan[l] Coolidge relative to the taxes transmitted to him to collect after the decease of Samuel Coolidge & act any thing thereon
17th To hear the statement of Walter Hunnewell & Charles Whitney & act any thing thereon

Also You are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the twenty first Instant at two of the Clock P M. to give in their Votes for County Treasurer

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Also, You are alike required to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer innholder in Watertown on monday the 14th Instant at two of the clock P M. Hereoff fail not, & make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this seventh day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

Watertown March 7. 1814

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Dan[l] Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 14th 1814——they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anexed their names (Viz)

To himself for Cash pd Asaph Rice Administrator to the Estate of Danl Barnard for a Bed dld for the use of Randall at the poor house — — — — —	8,, 00
To himself for Cash pd David Sanger in full for board & funeral expences for Oliver Learnard by desision of Reference Febv 28th 1814 — — — —	50,, 00
To himself for Cash pd John Richardson Robt Murdock & David Townsend as Referees between Town & Sanger — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 00
To himself for Cash pd Ruth Tower for boarding Leonard Harris & Joseph Cutter from Febv 7th to March the 7th 1814 — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 67
To David Sanger for Note of hand due from Town to Oliver Learnard — — — — — — — — —	
To Jonas White for Sundies dld Andrew White & wood dld widow Harrington — — — — — — — —	41,, 82
To Micah Bent for Shoes dld the poor — — — —	7,, 9
Wiswall Fuller & Co for Sundries dld the poor for Poor house — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	73,, 71
To Danl Bond for Sundries dld Charles Nutting & William Gardner & for runing town Lines — —	32,, 9

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To John Clark his acct for Sundries dld the Poor & Powder dld Capt Bird & Nails for fence — —	27,, 42
To Peirce & Wiswall acct for Sundries dld Charles Nutting & Rum &C dld Horn & Sergent working at Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 85
To Tristram Knight for boarding Lucy Hager 13 Weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19.50
To Doctr Bemis for Medicine & attendence on Ann Green — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4.75
To Joseph Cole for Iron for the Bridge & work for meeting house & Engine house — — — — —	11,, 63

To Jerome Hersey's acc^{t} for setting glaſs in School house work paint &C — — — — — — — — —	6,, 15
To ditto for paint & painting at the Bridge — —	14.83
To Nathl R Whitney's acc^{t} for drawing Lumber for Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 00
To Nathl R Whitney for Expencies paid by him in suit Town vs. Jonas White for rent of fishery	.16
To Edmund Fowle for his servicies as agent to carry on the suit against J White for rent of Fishery — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 70
To Estate of Abraham Whitney for boarding Elisha Whitney — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 00
To Abijah White for two Loads of Wood dld Jonas Learnard & 1 pair Shoes dld Anne Green —	
To Edward Lowd a ballance due him for sundry a/c that have been allow'd him at different times for several years past — — — — — — — — — —	
To Caty Hay acc^{t} for boarding Anne Green & Lucy Popenbery from Feb 9th 1814 to March 16th 1814 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 91
To John Hunting for twine for seane in 1812 —	25.67
To Enoch Wiswall his acc^{t} p^{d} George A Peirce for pointing stakes for seane in 1812 — — — — —	
To Artimas Murdock for twine rope &C. for seane in Year 1812 — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Edward Lowd for twine for Seane in 1808 —	
To Nathl R Whitney in part for the Note due him — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	200,, 0
To Amos Livermore Acc^{t} for repairs &C on school house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 8
To Moses Warren his Acc^{t} going down the River as Evidence against the Brighton Fisherman —	4,, 79
To Andrew Barnes as Evidence of Brighton Fisherman — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 6
To Charles Whitney for Beef dld Charles Nutting	6,, 80
To Moses Chenery for Eben^{r} Swan's Note of hand which said Swann gave him for Taxes — —	15,, 41

To Moses Chenery for Error in Taxes committed to him 1802 — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,, 25

To Ezra Farrer his account for Selectmen's Expencies & Committee of Ministerial funds Letting fishery Taxes &C — — — — — — — — — — — — 71,, 14

To Walter Hunewell for Medicine & attendence on the Poor from Novr 1812 to this date — — — 60. 93

signed by Thos Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright, Danl Bond, Enoch Wiswall — Selectmen for Watertown

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of March 1814 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs sett forth in the Warrant for said meeting; proceeded as follows Viz—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said meeting

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen — Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright, Danl Bond, Enoch Wiswall

Voted & chose for Aſſeſſors— Thomas Clark, Abijah White excused, Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this meeting to half past two of the clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place, & was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Atts^{t}——Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled & the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Constables — Peter Clark (excused; Jonathan Child, sworn; Dan[l] Bond (excused; William Horn, sworn

Voted to choose the remaining town Officers by hand Votes

Voted & chose for Fenceviewers — Thomas Richardson; Dan[l] Bond; Luke Bemis; Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Tythingmen — Thomas Woodard; Paul Learnard

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highway — Daniel Bond; Paul Learnard; David Livermore (sworn; Francies Bright

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Voted & chose for Fieldrivers — David Hager (sworn; Luther Barrett (sworn; Joseph Bird (sworn; Charles Stone (sworn; Phinehas Harrington (sworn

Voted & chose for Hogreeves — Joshua Jackson; Levi Thaxter; Clinton Thayer; Aaron Clap; Nath[l] Bemis Jun[r]; John Clark; Silas Jones (sworn; Isaac Crosby; David Stone; Hubbard Rufsell

Voted & chose for Clerks of Markett — Edward Lowd (sworn; John Clark; Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r]

Voted & chose Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Edward Lowd (sworn; Isaac Dana (sworn

Voted & chose Surveyors of Boards & Timber
- Isaac Dana (sworn
- Edward Lowd (sworn
- Jon[a] Child (sworn

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nath[l] Bemis
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond
- Nath[l] Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Pound keeper John Rufsel (sworn

Voted & chose for fish committee
- Josiah Coolidge
- Nath[l] Weld
- W[m] M Pomroy
- Edward Lowd
- Gilbert Nichols

3[d] Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton

4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year

5th Voted to grant Nine hundred Dollars for the support of Schools to be divided equally between the three districts
Voted to purchase four Dozen Psalm books for the use of the Singers & grant money for the same

6th Article postponed for further consideration

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7th Voted to grant fifty cents on a single pole and other Estate in propotion for to repair the highway
Voted that the Surveyors allow twelve & half Cents ℔ hour for work done on highway
Voted the last years Surveyors work out their lists or return them by the first of June next——

8th Voted to allow the following acc[t] & grant money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for his Servicies as Treasurer — $40,, 00

To Abijah White for his Servicies as Afsefsor — — 13,, 50

To Gilbert Nichols for his Servicies of Town Clerk 20,, 00

To Gilbert Nichols for his Servicies as Aſsesſor — 13,, 50

d° ——— ,, ——— ,, Carting Bell to Boston — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 00,, 75

To Thoˢ Clark his account — — — — — — — — — 24,, 50

To Fish Committee accᵗ for Servicies — — — — 36,, 59

Voted to postpone the 9th Article

10th Voted & chose for fish Agents — {Moses Coolidge, Jonas White}

Voted that the fish Agents be impowered to lease the fishery at their own discretion, make any agreement with any other town if they think proper———

11 Voted that the Selectmen take what method they shall see proper for the support of the Poor the ensueing year

12 Voted that the corporation of Ministerial funds shou'd pay the proceeds of said fund to the town Treasurer for him to pay over to the Minister taking a receipt for the same

13 Voted that a committee of three persons be shosen to examine the Old Engine house & see if it is nessessary to build a new one & to see what ladders are wanted & the probable expence of a new Engine house & where they can procure a place for the same & report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & chose for said committee {Adam Brown, Jonas White, Nathˡ Weld}

14th Article postponed untill next meeting

15 Article postponed untill next meeting

16 Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine the accounts between the town & Danˡ Coolidge & report at next meeting

Voted & chose for said committee {Nathˡ Bemis, Amos Bond, Abijah White}

17th Voted that Walter Hunnewell & Charles Whitney shall be discharged from their Bond for Samˡ Cook for the Collection of Taxes committed to him to collect

Voted to postpone the choise of county Treasurer untill April meeting

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of farming out the collection of Taxes & Leaseing the Hayscales & Wharf———
there to meet at half past six OClock this evening
accordingly the meeting was declared adjourn'd

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled at the house of Ezra Farrer & the meeting being opened, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes the ensueing year on the following conditions (Viz)

The lowest bidder to be Collector & he shall collect the Taxes contained in his list & pay the whole of the same to the Treasurer within one year from the time he shall receive his list & if failing to collect & pay them as aforesaid he shall not receive any part of his premium for collecting & he shall give sufficient & satisfactory Bonds which shall be held for the fullfilment of the above condition, Excepting such taxes as the Selectmen & Aſsesſors shall suspend for further orders

The West list was put up & struck off to Jonathan Child for five cents & ¼ of a cent on the Dollar
The East list was put up & struck off to Moses Chenery for three cents & one fourth of a cent on a Dollar

Voted & chose for Collectors { Jon[a] Child / Moses Chenery }

The Hayscales was put up & struck off to Sam[l] Brigham for thirty three Dollars for one year from the 1[s] of April next

The wharf in Cambridge was put up & struck off To Sam[l] Brigham for One Dollar for the year ensuing

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April then to meet at four of the Clock PM which was declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Then the following Town Officers where sworn into the several Offices to which they were chose this day Viz

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk, & Abijah White as Treasurer Jonathan Child & William Horn as Constables———

David Hager Luther Barrett & Phinehas Harrington as field drivers. Silas Jones as Hogreave, Edward Lowd as Clerk of the Markett. Edward Lowd & Isaac Dana as Cullers of Hoops & Staves. Isaac Dana Edward Lowd & Jonathan Child as Surveyors of Boards & Timber John Ruſsell as pound Keeper. Thomas Clark Jonas White Joseph Bright Dan[l] Bond & Enoch Wiswall as Selectmen, faithfully & impartially to discharge their duty & respecting Elections & returns thereof

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Gilbert Nichols was sworn into the Office as an Aſsesſor concerning Elections & the returns thereof by Thomas Clark Justice of the Peace. Thomas Clark was sworn into the Office of Aſsesſor & concerning Elections & the returns thereof

April 4th AD 1814

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Agents of the town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leaseing the Fishery in Watertown Weston & Waltham, agreeable to an Act of the General Court pas'd March 2[d] 1798 empowering the said towns to lease the Fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Watertown, met at the house of Ezra Farrer Innholder in said Watertown on Monday the 28th day of March AD 1814. at two of the Clock P.M.

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Appointed Gilbert Nichols Clerk for said Agents
2[d] Agreed to adjourn this meeting to 7 O clock this evening then to meet at this place
The Agents aforesaid meet at the time & place before mentioned agreeable to adjournment & proceeded as follows (Viz)

They agreed to lease the priviledge & right of takeing the fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of Watertown

below the Mill dam next above the Great Bridge, the ensueing year on the following conditions (Viz) The priviledge of taking the Fish call'd Shad & Alewives within the limits aforesaid on the following days, & no other agreeable to an Act pas'd March 1814 (Viz) Mondays Wednesdays & Fridays, to the highest bidder he or they giveing security to the exceptence of said Agents, Five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest money

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The remainder to be paid on or before the first day of September next, And the purchaser to have the use Seanes the town now have & that the purchaser shall take proper care of the same. And was struck off to Edward Lowd for Two hundred & seaventy five Dollars, for which said Lowd & other gave their Note payable the first day of September 1814

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols ⸗, { Town Clerk & / Clerk for said Agents

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th day of March 1814, They isued the following Warrant———

Middlesex ſs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold Estate within said commonwealth of the anual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth &C

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2d Whereas, there has been doubts arisen concerning the legality of the town Records by their not being signed by the Clerks of the town in times past.
To know what method the town will take concerning the same & act any thing thereon
3d To know if the town will choose a committee to settle the account between the Treasurer and the School districts & act any thing thereon
4th To know if the town will take any method to enlarge the Water coarse at Treadeway Bridge & act any thing thereon
5th To know if the town will take any method to remove the Woodstand to Treadeway Square and Act any thing thereon

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6th To know if the town will purchase any Fish rights or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs Watertown April 4th 1814, Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by Posting attested Copies of these Warrants at the public meeting house in said Town two sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable

Recorded By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators & Counsellors being duly warned & regularly Assembled at the public meeting house in said town on

Monday the fourth day of April 1814. The Selectmen presideing the list of Voters was revised & read & the Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Counsellors & Senators were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared the following persons had the number of Votes anexed their severall names (Viz)

For Governor

Samuel Dexter Esqr had One hundred & thirty seven
His Excellency Caleb Strong had One hundred & Eleven
William Gray Esqr had One
Joseph Storey had One

For Lieu^{t} Governor

Hon. William Phillips had One hundred & ten
William Gray Esqr had One hundred & thirty eight
William King had One

For Senators & Counsellors

Samuel Hoar had One hundred & thirty eight
Edmund Foster had One hundred thirty eight
Timothy Fuller had One hundred & thirty seven
Josiah Bartlett Esqr had One hundred & Eleven
Asahel Stearns Esqr had One hundred & Eleven
Loammi Baldwin Esqr had One hundred & Eleven

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On motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer in said town there to meet at seven of the Clock for the purpose of Sealing up the returns for Govr Lieu^{t} Governor & Counsellers & Senators, & was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting was opened by an adjournment from the 21st day of March 1814 for the purpose of giveing in their Votes for County Treasurer

The Votes for County Treasurer were call'd for & brought in sorted & Counted & stood thus (Viz)

John Keyes Esqr had Seventy eight Votes
Abial Haywood Esqr had Seventy two Votes

At a public town meeting of the freeholder & other Inhabitants qualified by law to Vote in town affairs agreeable to an adjournment from the twenty first day of March 1814 proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted that the report of the committee chosen the twenty first day of March last past to examine the accounts between the town Dan[l] Coolidge lay over to may meeting

Voted the report concerning the Engine house &C lay over to May meeting

Voted to excuse Abijah White from serveing as an Afsefsor the ensueing year by his request

Voted to choose as an Afsefsor (in the room of said White excused) Nath[l] R Whitney

Voted to postpone granting money for the support of the poor untill may meeting

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the day to be appointed to choose Representatives in May next then to meet at four of the Clock in the afternoon & was accordingly adjourn'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] for Moderator for said Meeting

2d Voted that our Representatives be instructed to use their best endeavours to get the town Records made Valid

3d Voted to choose a Committe for the purpose settleing the Account between the Treasurer & the School districts

Voted & Chose for said committee { Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] / Nath[l] R Whitney Esq[r] }

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4th Voted to choose a Committee for the purpose of examining Treadeway Bridge (so called) To see if it be nefsessary to enlarge the Water coarse under the same & report at our next meeting

Voted & chose for said committee { Nath[l] R Whitney / Gilbert Nichols / Amos Bond }

5th Voted to remove the wood stand to Treadeway square (so called)

Voted to choose a committee of two persons to petition to the Court of Sefsions to establish the same

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow / Levi Thaxter (excused by his request / Edward Lowd

6th Voted to choose a committee for the purpose of seeing whether fish rights can be purchased for the town & for what sum they can be purchased & report at our next meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Bemis / Adam Brown / Abijah White

On motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first town meeting in may then to meet at five of the Clock in the afternoon & was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on Monday the 4th day of April 1814 For the purpose of leaseing the Pews belonging to the Town They agreed to lease the same at public auction for One Year from the 12th of April current to the highest bidder

The Godard Pew (so called) was put up & struck off to John Clark for twelve Dollars & fifty cents
The West long Pew was put up & struck off to Benjamin Stevens for Nine Dollars
The East long Pew was put up & struck off to Ira Draper for Nine Dollars & Seventy five cents

NB The rent for the above Pews to be paid on or before the 1st day of January 1815.

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 8th 1814 David Livermore & Francies Bright was sworn as Surveyers of highway & Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 12th 1814 The Selectmen granted the following License (Viz)

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Watertown at a meeting this day holden for that purpose, have licensed & do hereby license Mr Edward Lowd of said Watertown, to sell at public Vendue or outcry, any goods and chattells, whatsoever, pursuant to a law of the commonwealth, passed June 16th 1795

Given under our hands the 12th day of April 1814

Jonas White
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also the Selectmen appointed said Edward Lowd as Measurer of Wood & Bark in the town of Watertown the ensueing year & was sworn to the faithfull discharge of that office & Record'd by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 13th 1814 Joseph Bird & Charles Stone was sworn into the Office of Fieldrivers for the ensueing year before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton Inholder in Watertown the Selectmen signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of money anexed their names dated April 11th 1814

(Viz)

To Mrs Learnard for wood for Jonas Learnard —	$6,, 00
To Ruth Tower for boarding & clothing for the poor under her care — — — — — — — — —	11,, 90
To William Peniman in part for boarding poor —	75,, 00
To Nathl R Whitney in part for Note of hand —	300,, 00
To Josiah Mason & Son for their Bill of Lumber —	115,, 15
To John Cole his a/c for ditto — — — — — — —	28,, 48
To Silas Jones his a/c for Labour on the great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 00
To Jacob Farrer for supporting Benn Whitney 1 year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 00

To Sarah Nuting her a/c for boarding Jon[a] Nutting
To Caty Hay for boarding Lucy Popenberry & Ann Green — — — — — — — — — — — —

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 18th 1814 At a Meeting of the Selectmen, they appointed John Clark, for a Sealer of Weights & Measures for the town of Watertown for the ensueing year

April 19th 1814 John Clark was sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duty, as a Sealer of Weights & Measures also as Hogreave——
Daniel Bond was sworn into the Offices of Surveyor of Highways & fence Viewer for the ensueing year before & Recorded by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 25th day April AD 1814. They isued the following Warrant (Viz)
Middlesex ſs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards and resident in said town one year next preceeding haveing a freehold estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the Value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 9th day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing two or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Given under our hands & Seales at said Watertown the 25th day of April AD 1814

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of Watertown

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs Watertown May 9th 1814 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sunday prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives, being duly warned and regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 9th day of May 1814 The Selectmen presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st On Motion Voted to choose two Representatives

2d the list of Voters was Revised & read & the Votes call'd for & brought in sorted & counted & proclaimed to stand thus

Thomas Clark Esqr had One hundred & one Votes
Jonas White Esqr had One hundred & one Votes
Nathl R Whitney Esqr had four Votes
Nathl Bemis Esqr had one Vote
Tyler Bigelow Esqr had one Vote
Thomas Clark & Jonas White Esqr was declared Chosen

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The meeting was then declared open by an adjournment from March meeting last & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Article
6th On Motion Voted to grant Eleven Hundred Dollars for the support of the poor of said town the ensueing year

9 On Motion Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the town Treasurers accounts which stands as follows (Viz)

That Abijah White (said Treasurer) stands charged ——————————— $10809,, 72

And is Credited by ——————— 10530,, 95

leaving a Ballance being cash in the Treasury $278,, 77

The above is a Just & true account of Abijah White Treasurer, to the 9th day of May 1814 as examined by the Subscribers a committee to settle the same

On file ——————— Thos Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright } Committee

On Motion Voted to accept the following Report (Viz)

We the Subscribers Committee chosen to examine the Engine house to see whether it is nessessary to build a new one have attended said service & are of opinion that it is expedient to build a new one as soon as lumber can be procured to advantage that land may be obtained of Mefsrs Wiswall & Peirce for that purpose on the north side of the Mill Creek near the Paper Mill on the conditions herein enclosed that two new ladders ought to be procured the probable of the expence of a building suitable to contain the Engine & Waggon & ladders will amount to one hundred & Sixty Dollars

Watertown May 9th 1814 Adam Brown, Nathl Weld } Committee

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On Motion Voted to Grant One hundred & Sixty Dollars for the purpose of building a New Engine house & two ladders to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen as soon as lumber can be procured at a reasonable rate

The Corporation of the Ministerial Fund made the following Statement

The Trustees of Watertown Ministerial charge themselves as follows (Viz)

For Isaac Pattens Note.....	$180,, 00	
For Ezra Farrers Note.....	37,, 50	
" Wiswall Fuller & C° Note.....	8,, 00	
" Farrer & Wyeth's d°.....	300,, 00	
" Joseph Rufsell's d°.....	400,, 00	
" Edward Lowd's d°.....	325,, 00	1250,, 50
" Interest on said Notes 1 year..	75,, 3	
" Rent of Lands 1 year.....	178,, 00	253,, 3
" Isaac Pattens Note.....	450,, 00	
" Joseph Coles Note.....	150,, 00	600,, 0
		$2103,, 53

To Ballance which the Trustees charge

The amount of Principal of said Notes.....	$1850,, 50	
use of certing* acrofs Mr Eliots Garden.....	2,, 00	
for Recording Mortgage deed.....	,, 84	2,, 84
Ballance of Income to be paid into Treasury of the Town as soon as collected.....	250,, 19	
		$2103,, 53

By Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Treasurer

Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.

On Motion Voted to accept the above report & place the same on file

14th On Motion, Voted to grant four Hundred Dollars for the purpose of building the Road (laid out and accepted by the town April 5 1813 in front of the cotton Factory) Viz begining on the same at the corner near the house of Joseph Rufsell Jnr from thence as far as the Ministerial lands extend; & from the aforementioned corner to the great Road near the Brick School house
On Motion, Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to expend the said money on said Road as soon as may be at the best advantage

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15th On Motion, Voted to grant Five Hundred Dollars to pay the Debts not allready provided for

16th Voted to postpone the Sixteenth Article
On Motion Voted to choose one more Surveyor of high ways in the South East Destrict
On Motion Voted & chose Nathl Stone as Surveyer in said Destrict
On Motion Voted to choose three more Field drivers

Voted & choose as Fieldrivers { Leonard Harris, Moses Coolidge, Saml Davis }

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to our next town meeting & was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April Meeting was then declared open by an adjournment & proceeded as follows Viz—

On Motion Voted to postpone the third Article to our next meeting
On Motion Voted to postpone the 6th Article to our next meeting
On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to our next meeting & was accordingly declared adjour'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the following persons were sworn to their respective offices Viz Leonard Harris, Moses Coolidge Sam[l] Davis as Field drivers, & Nath[l] Stone was sworn as Surveyor of Highways.

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1814 May 9th Nath[l] R Whitney was sworn to the office of an Aſseſsor & concerning Elections & the returns thereof

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Resolve of the General Court rendering Valid the Records of the town of Watertown

On the petition of the Inhabitants of Watertown in the County of Middlesex by their Representatives stateing that none of the Records of said town have been attested by any of their former Clerks, & doubts have arisen whether such records are legal & praying that their records may be made Valid the aforesaid neglect of their former Clerks not withstanding

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in said petition that the several records, and the proceedings had in pursuance thereof in the said town of Watertown as aforesaid, be & they are hereby rendered as good & fully ratified confirmed and made Valid as they would have been had their former Clerks heretofore attested said records according to Law

The Above Resolve paſsed

At a meeting of the Selectmen July 19th 1814 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

	$ c
To Samuel Learnard & Martin Wilder the ballance of granted for support a singing School for the year 1811 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	29,, 44
To Jon[a] Child his a/c for support of N Baxter One year to July 18th 1814 — — — — — — — —	33,, 80
To Jon[a] Child his a/c for servicies as Constable in 1813 blank Tax bills & filling Tax bills — — —	16,, 50
To Thadeus Cole his a/c for setting Glaſs & for his servicies as Agent to carry on the suit against Jonas White for rent of Fishery — — — — — —	8,, 00

To Edmund Wellington for boarding his father Thos Wellington from Octr 6th 1813 to April 6th 1814 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, 00

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To Thomas Learnard for cash paid by him for repairing the Bafs Viol — — — — — —	10,, 00
to ditto for 4 dozn Psalm Books — — —	28,, —
To Estate of John Bancroft (decd) an a/c for takeing care of the Meetinghouse & burying the body of Trufant & Ruth Mattocks — — — — — —	
To Nath[l] Woodard for takeing care the meeting house 1 year & to extra work done at the Meetinghouse —	33.58
To Enos Foot for 2 Casks of Gun Powder for part of Town stock —	32,, 0
To John Remington for his support at his request	10,, —
To William Peniman in full for ballance due him for boarding Mrs Green Thos Wellington Junr & Boynton & Clothing to supply them One year To 11th August 1814 — — —	110.76
To Mathew Hawkes in part for building the Road in front the Cotton Factory Leading to the Land	150 —
To Mark Vose for Interest that is due on his acct from Decr 6th 1813 To July 25th 1814 — —	
To Nath[l] R Whitney the Ballance of Note of hand dated may 10th 1813 & Interest on the Above Note — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Jos Bright
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton on Thursday the 6th day of Septr 1814 they aprobated the following Persons as Retailors & Innholders for the town of Watertown the ensueing year

Ezra Farrer—Charles Stratton—Samuel Bellows & Noah Newhall for Innholders
Joseph Peirce John Clark Nath[l] R Whitney Junr and Daniel Jackson Junr for Retailors

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the twenty fourth day of October AD 1814 they isued the following Warrant

Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court of said Commonwealth Viz. the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceedeing haveing a freehold Estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the 7th day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congrefs of the United States for the Middlesex district
hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time appointed for said Meeting——
Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of October AD 1814

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Editorial Note:—Page [124] does not exist in original script. Pages were misnumbered by town clerk.

Middlesex ſs Watertown Novr 7th 1814——
In obedience to the within warrent I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned⸗

Jon^{a} Child Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the public Meeting house of said town on Monday the 7th day of November AD 1814. Votes for the following persons to Represent the people of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex district were given in as follows (Viz)⸗

For the Hon Samuel Dana Ninety one votes

For the Hon. Asahel Stearns Eighty two votes

On motion, Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer, for the sole purpose of sealing up the list of said Votes, there to meet at six oclock this evening & was accordingly adjournd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants at the house of E Farrer according to the above adjournment for the purpose of Sealing up the list of Votes given for a Representative to Congreſs as given in this day Novr 7th 1814. The Selectmen enclosed & seald up said list & directed the same to the Secretary of this Commonwealth in Open Town Meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Oc^{t} 10th 1814 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay following persons

the following sums of money anexed their several names (Viz)

	$	c
To James Parmenter for boarding Leonard Harris & Joseph Cutter, Clothing & supplies for the same 18 Weeks from April 7th 1814 — — — — —	33,,	99
To Tristram Knight for boarding Lucy Hager 32 Weeks from the 20th of Febʸ 1814 — — — — —	48,,	00
To Asa Stone for makeing Clothes for Baxter & Nathl Harris — — — — —	6,,	13

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To Joseph Rufsell Junr in full for building fence on the new Road on Ministerial Land — — —

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Decr 5th 1814 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums anexed their several names (Viz)

	$	c
To Isaac Thoms for boarding Nicholas Johnson & Sundries supplied him sick — — — — — — —	42,,	48
To Saml Walker for makeing a Trough for Town pump — —	6,,	35
To John Odin in full for his Acct for Arms &C. dld for Town's use Intst on same — — — — —	175.—	
To Oliver Jackson in part for supporting the poor persons under his care the present year — — —	100.—	
To Ebe Field for 2 casks gun Powder dld for Town stock — — — — —	30,,	00
To Jona Child's Tax of United States for Watertown — —	2,,	3

To M Hawks in part for makeing Road on Ministerial Land — — 50,, 00

To Child & Craft for repairing Hay Scales — — 3,, 62

To Elijah Norcrofs for Sundries supplied Fishery 2,, 39

To yourself for cash p[d] W[m] Chenery for the support of Spencer Goding 28,, 57

Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Dan[l] Bond — Selectmen for Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Whereas Jonathan Child who was regularly chosen by the inhabitants of the town of Watertown one of their collectors for said town for the year 1814, who was qualified, & who completed said collection in part; has requested the subscribers, on account of his bodily infirmities, to appoint another in his stead. Therefore we the subscribers have & do by these presents appoint Josiah Child of said town as a collector to perfect the collection of those Taxes which are not allready completed by the former above mentioned infirm Collector.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fourteen.

Thomas Clark, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Gilbert Nichols — Afsefsors of Watertown

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Jan[y] 2[d] 1815 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of money annex'd their names (Viz).

To Mathew Hawkes a ballance due him for makeing road on Ministerial Land in full — — — — — 130.84

To Wiswall Fuller & C[o] their a/c in full for sundry clothing &C supply'd the poor at different times — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 136,, 72

To Martin Wilder in full for Hinges &C — — —	6,,
To Isaac Dana his a/c for attending General court at Boston & for Land taken in front of the Cotton Factory — — —	17,, 50
To Joseph Peirce in full for a Ballance due Micah Bent for Shoes dl'd the poor — — — — — — — —	10.33
To Dan[l] Bond his acc[t] for cash paid for making Catriges in Sep[t] 1813 — — — — — — — — — —	24,, 10

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To Enoch Wiswall his acc[t] for attending with committee on town lines in July 1813 & for cash supplied the poor at different times — — — —	30,, 00
To Abraham Sanger his acc[t] for cash paid for Caty Sanger's stage hire from Boston & back —	1,, 25
To the town of Boston their acc[t] for the support of Francies White while in Goal* in April 1811 & for sundries supplied M[rs] Warren to Nov[r] 2 1814	72,, 51
To Nath[l] Locke his Acc[t] in full for burying the body of a Stranger found dead — — — — — — —	5,, 00
To Tristram Knight his acc[t] in full for boarding Lucy Hager — — —	19.50
To the town of Cambridge their acc[t] in full for boarding Sundry persons in Goal* in 1812 — —	42,, 86
To Levi Thaxter his Acc[t] in full for attending the actions against Ruggles & for fish rights — — —	21,, 50
To Joseph Rufsell his acc[t] for attending General courts committee — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 00
To Jerom Hersey his Acc[t] for setting glafs in the poor & School houses — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 50
To Abijah Ruggles a ballance due him for attendance as an evidence in the cause of J White	2,, 48
To Zacheus Pond his a/c for repairing town Plow	4,, 37
To John Clark his a/c for Handkerchief dld Baxter & Nails & Powder cask — —	2,, 17

**Editorial Note—Probably meant "Gaol".*

To John Clark his a/c for building fence on the new Road — — 15,, 8

To Joshua Longly his acc^{t} for the support of the widow Sarah White to Decr 8th 1814 & Lucy White to June 8th 1814 — — — 100,, 20

To———Gleason his Acc^{t} for the support of Lemuel Whitney while at Sudbury & Shoes &C 42,, 00

To Amos Bond his acc^{t} for the support of John Sanger to Jany 7th 1815 — — — — — — — — — 26,, 13

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To Samuel Hyde his Acc^{t} for boarding Jonathan Nutting from 1st of April 1814 to Decr 13th 1814 & for sundry Clothes supply'd — — — — — — — 77.94

To Henry Craft his Acc^{t} for Stones & Labour at the new Road over the Ministerial Lands — — 55,, 92

To Jonas White his Acc^{t} for sundries supplied Andrew White & Widow Harrington & for 12 Ceder posts for props for great Bridge — — — — 67,, 64

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Danl Bond
} Selectmen for Watertown

Atts^{t} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 6th 1815 they isued the following Warrant.

Middlesex ſs. To William Horn one of the Constables of the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twentieth day of March Ins^{t} at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2^{d} To choose all town Officers required to be chosen in months of March & April annually

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his servicies.
4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensueing season & Act any thing thereon
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year & Grant money to pay for the same & Act any thing thereon
6th To grant money to support the poor & Act any thing thereon

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7th To grant money to repair the highways & act any thing thereon
8th To hear the accounts of those persons who the town is indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon
9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & Act any thing thereon
11th To choose agents to lease the fishery the ensueing year & act any thing thereon
12th To know the minds of the town if they will choose a committee to support & deffend their right in the comon Landing place near Whitneys Distillery and act any thing thereon.
13th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of our Treasury
14th To hear the request of Moses Chenery & Act any thing thereon

AlsoYou are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the twentieth day of March Inst at two of the Clock PM to give in their Votes for County Treasurer

AlsoYou are alike required to notify the town creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on Monday the 13th Inst at 6 O clock. P.M

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——Given under our hands & Seals this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord 1815.

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danl Bond
Enoch Wiswall
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen March 13th 1815 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

	$
To Joseph Bird in full for his a/c for Plow sharping & Camp kettle bailing — — — — — — — —	4.58
To Child & Craft in full for Catrige Boxes & Belts	10.00
To Caleb Lincoln in full for Putting Shore under Bridge	3.50
To John Rufsell in full for repairing pound & triming the pawl — — —	4.75
To Saml Brigham in full for attending the Courts Committee at Boston — — —	2.0
To the Town of Cambridge in full for boarding Peter Cockran & Saml Walker in Goal — — —	16.71
To David Hager in full for boarding Eliza Gardner from Oct 12th 1813. 10 Weeks — — — — —	14.66
To William Horn in full for Shoes & Stockings dld Sally Perry* — — —	2.25
To Abraham Sanger in full for time & Expencies to Boston — — —	3.78
To John Hunting & Co in full for Catrige paper	14.66
Thos Clark for Cash pd A Green & Expencies to Westminster — —	20.00
To Stephen Cook for house rent from 31st of May 1814 To March 1st 1815 — — — — — — — — —	18.75
To Daniel Bond for wood dld J Learnard & supplies dld Jessee Stone's	28.66
To Abijah White for Cash pd Jonas White of Westminster for boarding J Cutter from No 16th 1814 12½ Week & supplies for the same — — —	10.67
To Abijah White for Cash pd for Wood dld Mrs Harrington — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4.81

Editorial Note:—Original script illegible; possibly Berry.

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To John Fowle in full for Mrs Barnes's rent — — $ 4,, 17

To Mark Vose for boarding Nathl Harris from Decr 6th 1813 to May 6th 1814 21 ½ Weeks — — 27.95

To ditto to sundris, spirits & Wine dld Jno Randall & others from April 1s 1812 to Jay 6th 1813 — 15.61

To ditto for boarding Thos Wellington Junr while sick from July 1813 to Augustt 11th 1813 — — — 8.86

To ditto for Interest on his acct from May 6th 1813 & from July 25th 1814 to March 6th 1815 in addition to Interest allow'd him in his acct from Decr 6th 1813 To July 25th 1815 — — — — — — — 46.54

To Ezra Farrer in full for entertainment for the Selectmen fish committee & committee to lease the Ministerial Land — — — — — — — — — — — 27.17

To Nathl Bemis Junr for Medicine & attendence on the poor from March 1814 to March 1815 — 15.00

To Amos Bond for boarding John Sanger from Jany 7th 1815 to March 16th 1815 9/ Week — — 14.12

Thos Clark, Jonas White, Enoch Wiswall } Selectmen of Watertown

Atts. Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for town Officers & town affairs regularly assembled at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the 20th day of March AD 1815 for the purpose of transacting the businefs sett forth in the Warrant for said meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & choose Thomas Clark Moderator for said Meeting

2d Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols for Town Clerk & was sworn before Thomas Clark Justice of the peace.

Voted & chose for Selectmen { Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Joseph Bright, Daniel Bond, Gilbert Nichols }

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Amos Bond / Thomas Clark / Gilbert Nichols

On Motion Voted & adjourn'd this meeting to three O,clock then to meet at this place

Att^{s} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants meet and proceeded as follows.——(Viz)

Voted & chose Francies Bright Constable, Voted to excuse him by his request then Voted & chose William Horn to serve as constable in his place—sworne

Also Voted & chose Isaac Patten Constable———

Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers by hand Vote

Voted & chose for fence Viewers { Peter Clark / Nathl Bright / John Hunting sworn / Eben^{r} Chenery

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Jonas White / Amos Bond } Esq^{rs}

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Voted & chose Surveyors of Highway { Nathaniel Bemis (excused / Israel Whitney / David Livermore (excused / Thomas Learnard sworn

Voted & chose for Fieldrivers { Phinehas Sanderson (sworn / Mark Vose / Enos Blake. sworn / Phinehas Harrington sworn / Samuel Bellows (sworn / John H. Clark. sworn / Silas Jones—sworn / Thomas Richardson

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Christopher Grant Junr (sworn
- David Stone
- James Robbins
- Jona P Jourden
- Isaac Sergent
- John Sawyer
- Saml Carman
- Thomas Soden
- Charles Stone sworn
- Charles Bemis
- Enos Blake

Voted & chose Clerks of the Markett
- Charles Patten. sworn
- John Clark

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Isaac Dana
- Joseph Peirce

Surveyors of Lumber
- William Horn
- Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nathl Bemis
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond
- Nathl Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose John Rufsell for pound keeper——sworn

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Voted & chose for Fish committee to see the Fish Law executed
- Josiah Coolidge
- Nathaniel Weld
- Wm M Pomroy
- Edward Lowd
- Gilbert Nichols

3d Voted that the Selectmen procure a Sexton

4 Voted that Swine & neat Cattle shall not go at large

5 Voted to grant Nine hundred Dollars for the support of the Schools to be divided equally as last year

6th Article Voted to postpone to our next meeting

7th Voted to postpone granting money to repair the highways to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to choose a committee to devise a sistem to repair the highways & assertain what sum will be nessessary for the same & report at our april Meeting next—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Jonas White, Amos Bond, Joshua Coolidge, Nath[l] R Whitney, John Fowle }

Voted & directed the last years Surveyors of Highway to work out their lists of Taxes by the first of May next——

8th Voted to allow the following Acc[ts] & granted money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for his servicies as Treasurer — $ 50,, 00

To Gilbert Nichols his acc[t] in full for servicies — 48,, 00

To Tho[s] Clark for his servicies as Afsefsor & Cash p[d] — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 22,, 00

To Nath[l] R Whitney in full for his servicies as Afsefsor — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 21,, 00

To Sam[l] Learnard for repairing seats in meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 8,, 25

9th Article Voted to postpone to the adjournment of this meeting

10th Article Voted to postpone to the next meeting———

11th Voted & chose as agents to lease the Fishery

{ Moses Coolidge, Amos Bond }

12th Voted & chose the following Committee to support & defend the towns common landing place near Whitney's distillery on Charles River (Viz)

{ Amos Bond——Tyler Bigelow——Joseph Peirce, Nathaniel Bemis——Nath[l] R Whitney }

See Page 184 See Deposition in perpetuance, on this subject in Middlesex Registry—

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14th Voted that Moses Chenery shall be entitled to his premium for Collecting Taxes committed to him in 1813 provided he does complete the Collection of the List committed to him for 1814 at the time limited in his warrant———

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next then to meet at this place at 4 Oclock PM.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Monday evening March 20th 1815 They agreed to lease the Pews belonging to the town in the meeting house to the highest bider on the following conditions Viz To lease said Pews for One Year from the 12th of April 1815 reserveing the right to sell said Pews & if sold who ever shou'd hire must relinquish the same by paying in propotion to the time they impr (*illegible*) them the rent to be paid 1s day of January 1816———

And the Godard Pew (so called) was putt up at Auction & struck off to John Hunting for — — — — — — $ 9.00

The East Pew was ditto to Silas Jones for — — 6,, 50

the West ditto to Josiah Child for — — — — — 5,, 00

Then the Hayscales belonging to the town was putt up for One year from the first of April 1815 & was struck of to Saml Brigham for ℔ Year } 29,, 50

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the town was then putt up & struck off to Wm Horn for One year from the first day of April 1815——for } 1,, 00

Then the following persons were sworn into their several Officies for which they were chosen this day Viz John Hunting as fenceviewer——Enos Blake Phinehas Harrington John H Clark & Silas Jones as field Drivers——Christopher Grant Junr as Hogreeve——Charles Patten as Clerk of the Markett——Thomas Clark, Jonas White Joseph Bright & Daniel Bond was sworn as Selectmen for the faithful performance of that Office. Isaac Patten & William Horn as Constables

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

also Gilbert Nichols was sworn a Selectman before Thos Clark Justice Peace

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Also the Selectmen isued the following Warrant⸗

Middlesex ſs. To William Horn one of the Constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold Estate within said Commonwealth of the annual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3d day of April next at One of the Clock P.M. to give in their Votes for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Also, You are alike requird to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3d day of April next at 4 of the Clock P M to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2d To know the minds of the town if they will sell the pews belonging to the town & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this 20th day of March AD 1815

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 3d 1815

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed & for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant two sunday prior to said Meeting

Wm Horn, Constable

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellers being duly warned and assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3d day of April AD 1815 The Selectmen presideing the list of votes was revised & read & the votes for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators were call'd for, brought in & sorted & counted and it appeared the following persons had the number of Votes annexed their several names, (Viz)—

For Govr

Samuel Dexter had One hundred & thirty three votes
Caleb Strong had One hundred votes——

for Lieut Govenor

William Gray had One hundred & thirty three votes
William Phillips had One hundred votes——

For Senators

Samuel Hoar had One hundred & thirty one votes
Timothy Fuller had One hundred & thirty one votes
John Hart had One hundred & thirty one votes
John Brooks had One hundred & One votes
Calvin Sanger had One hundred & one votes
Samuel P P Fay had One hundred & one votes

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of sealing up the list of Votes, there to meet at 6 O Clock this evening

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then March Meeting was declared open by the adjournment the 20th day of March, 1815 & Votes called for County Treasurer & stood thus (Viz)

County Treasurer

John Keyes had Ninety seven votes——
Abiel Haywood had Sixty seven votes——

Then March Meeting was declared open by an adjournment from the 20th day of March 1815——

Voted to postpone the farming out of Taxes untill this evening then to meet at the house of Ezra Farrer for that purpose

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6th Article (to grant money for the support of the poor) was voted to postpone to our next meeting in May

Voted to excuse Nath[l] Bemis from serveing as a Surveyor of Highway——

Voted to excuse David Livermore from Serveing as a Surveyor of Highway

Voted & chose as Surveyors of High ways〜

- Zacheus Pond (sworn
- Luke Bemis (sworn
- Nath[l] Weld
- Elisha Livermore
- Nath[l] R Whitney (sworn)

Voted to choos a Committee to assist the Selectmen & Aſſeſsors in divideing the highway destricts

Voted & Chose for said committee

- Jonathan Stone
- Nath[l] R Whitney
- Adam Brown

Voted to allow William Horn his acc[t] for warning Town Meetings — — 2,, 00

The Committee chosen the 20th of March last to devise a method to repair the highways made the following reports (Viz)〜

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to devise a sistem for repairing the highways within the town of Watertown & to assertain the amount of Tax requisite therefor, and to report at the adjournment of the meeting, haveing attended to that subject, & ask Leave to report as follows (Viz)

1st That there be laid & aſſeſsed on every rateable Pole twenty five Cents & such further sums on Estates & property as shall be agreeable to law.

2d That it be the duty of the Aſſeſsors to proceed to Aſſeſs & make out said Tax without delay in a legal way & give said Tax to the several Surveyors of the town

3d That the Surveyors cause said Tax to be work'd out on the highways before the tenth day of June next by giveing legal notice & a reasonable time to work out said Tax & not to be work'd after that time———

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And that the Surveyors be directed to return their books the Tenth of June to the Aſsesſors & they to put all the delinquents taxes into their town Tax of this present year, to be collected & paid over to the town Treasurer in the same way & manner as all other Taxes are Collected & paid Over, & the same shall be appropriated & set apart as a fund to repair the highway in such a manner as the town may direct hereafter 4th Your Committee are of opinion that it will be for the Interest of the town to divide the three districts, say the Southwest Southeast & Northeast districts to be done by a committee, to be chosen for that purpose, And that committee to give their Aſsistance to the former Surveyors in case any persons shou'd come forward & pay the money for their old Taxes which are due to the former Surveyors & that committee to take it & be requested to spend the same on the Road from the Meeting house to Bellow's Tavern in such a way as they may suppose most for the interest of the town

5th Your Committee are of Opinion that Each man be allow'd One Dollar ℔ day for his work & the same for a good Team.

As you may see on file) Jonas White, Amos Bond, Joshua Coolidge, Nath[l] R Whitney, John Fowle } Committee

Voted to accept the report of the above committee

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds agreeable to the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, make the following report & statement of their doings the last year & of the existing State of their funds

for

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For the information of the town——The net amount Income to the 1st of April 1814 amounted to the sum $250,,19¢ ——$230,,69 of said sum has been paid over to the town Treasurer the ballance $19,,50 being the Interest on Edward Lowd's Note is not yet received from him by the Trustees But one sale of Land has been made during the last Year, (Viz) to Cyrus Russell for $150,,00 which sum is on Inst from 1st of April Instant their funds in Money at Interest amounts at this time to the sum of $2000,,50 & is due from the following persons

Viz—from Isaac Patten — — — —	$630,, 00	
" Jon[a] Wyeth — — — —	300,, —	
" Edw[d] Lowd — — — —	325,, —	
" Ezra Farrer — — — —	37,, 50	
" Wiswall Fuller & C[o] — —	8,, 00	
" Cyrus & Joseph Rufsell —	550,, —	
" Joseph Cole — — — —	150,,	
		$2000,, 50
The Interest or Income arriseing on said sums to the 1st of April 1815 —	111,, 03	
Rent of Real Estate the last year —	182,, 50	
amount of Income — — — —	$ 293,, 53	
deduct for Recording Deeds — — —	1,, 50	
	$ 292,, 03	
To which add Interest on Lowds Note	19,, 50	
Income now due to be paid to the Treasurer —		$311,, 53

℔ Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk

Voted to except the above report & place the same on file
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer there to meet at six of the Clock this evening

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to Vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house April 3[d] 1815 proceded as follows

Viz Voted & chose Tho[s] Clark for Moderator
Voted to postpone selling the pews to next may meeting.—
Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The April Town Meeting was then declared open at the house of Ezra Farrer agreeable to the adjournment this day for the purpose of sealing up the returns for the Governor's Senator's &C' which was accordingly done

Then March Meeting was declared open by an adjournment this afternoon April 3d 1815 & proceeded to farm out the collection of Taxes (Viz)

Voted to let out the Collection of Taxes the ensueing year to the lowest bider, upon the same conditions as last year—— And the East List of Taxes was put up & struck off to Charles Whitney for four Cents on the Dollar——And the West List of Taxes was put up & struck off to Charles Whitney for six Cents on a Dollar——
Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector——

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next may meeting then to meet at 4 O Clock P.M. at the Meeting house

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on the 3d day of April 1815 they appointed the following persons as Engine Men the ensueing year (Viz)

Elisha W Dana
Francies Whitney
Clinton Thayer
Gilbert Nichols
Leonard Harris
Josiah White
John Stimpson Junr
Nathl R Whitney Junr
Aaron Clapp
James Robbins
Nathl Weld Junr
Joseph Cole
William Bright
Edward Richards
Silas Jones
Jerom Hersey
Elijah Ray
Thomas Soden
David Weeks
George Coolidge

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 10th 1815 the following persons was sworn to their respective Offices (Viz) Samuel Bellows & Phinehas Sanderson as Field drivers, Thomas Clark Amos Bond—Aſsesſors before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk Gilbert Nichols was sworn as an Aſsesſor before Thomas Clark, Justice of the peace—Nathaniel R Whitney was sworn as Surveyor of Highways

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Thomas Learnerd Zacheus Pond & Luke Bemis was sworn for the Office of Surveyors of Highway——Charles Stone was sworn for the Office of Hogreeve

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Abijah White was sworn as Treasurer for the town the ensueing year

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th day of April 1815 they issued the following Warrant——

Middlesex ſs. To William Horn one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of One year next precedeing, haveing a freehold Estate in said town of the anual Income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 8th day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing two or more Representatives, to Represent at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house on Monday the 8th day of May next at 3 O, Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choos a Moderator——2d To know if the town will make any alteration in their School districts & act any thing thereon

3d To know if the town will make any grant for the Soldiers that was drafted from this town that perform'd their tower of duty & Act any thing thereon. 4th To know if the town will open the Road in the front of the Cotton Factory, through to the watering place by Ruſsell Corner & Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this 24th day of April in the Year of our Lord 1815———

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives being duly warned (as appear'd by the return on the warrant for said meeting) & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the 8th day of May AD 1815—— The Selectmen presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz)

On motion, it was voted to receive votes for two Representatives

The Votes was then call'd for brought in counted & sorted and

And it appeared there was One hundred & Sixty Votes of which
Thomas Clark Esq[r] had Eighty votes
Jonas White Esq[r] had Eighty votes

The Above named persons was declared as chosen their Representatives to the General Court the ensueing year——

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 8th 1815——

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs bein duly warned (as appear'd by the return on the Warrant for said meeting) And regularly assembled at the meeting house for the purpose of transacting the busineſs sett forth in the warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows Viz.

1st Voted and chose Thomas Clark Moderator

It was Voted to choos a committee of two persons in each Destrict to assertain the number of Scholars in their respective districts from four to sixteen years of age & the names of the persons they live with

Voted & chose in the East destrict for said Committee — Elisha Livermore, Peter Clark

Middle Destrict — Gilbert Nichols, Nath[l] R Whitney

West Destrict—— Adam Brown, Abijah White

It was Voted that the above committees report at our next meeting

Article 2[d]

It was Voted to grant money to, & make up the pay of the Soldiers (that was drafted the last fall that perform'd their tower of duty, includeing they pay they have receivd or shall receive from Government, to sixteen Dollars ℔ Month for the time they served.——Voted & chose the Selectmen as a committee to asertain what persons ought to receive said money & order the same to be paid out of the Treasury

Article 4

Voted to choose a committee to agree with Jonas White to straighten the line betwen the Ministerial Land & Land of said White

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Voted chose for said committee — Nathaniel R Whitney, John Fowle, Peter Clark

Voted to open the remainder of the road from the Ministerial land to the Watering place near John Ruſsells—Voted —that the Selectmen cause a fence to be built on said road to be opened through the Land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle Voted that the Selectmen with Edmund Fowle shall agree on persons to assertain the damage done said Fowle by the road being opened through said Fowle's Land. Voted to grant three hundred Dollars to pay the expence of said fence & build said Road

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 8th 1815

Then the town meeting was opened by an adjournment from the 20th day of March 1815 & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to grant thirteen hundred Dollars for the support of the poor the ensueing year

Voted to except the report of the committee appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts which stands as follows (Viz) that Abijah White said Treasurer stands charged the sum of ——————————————— $7517,, 49

& is credited by ——————————— 7672,, 50

leaveing a ballance being cash due the Treasurer for ——————————————— 55,, 1

May 6th 1815 The above is a just & true statement of Abijah Whites Treasurer of Watertown Acctˢ to this present date as examined by the Subscribers the Selectmen

Thoˢ Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danˡ Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to settle with the Administrator of the Estate of Samˡ Cook & discharge said Estate

Voted that the two five Dollar Berkshire Bank Bills shall be considered as of no value & shall not be accounted for in future

Voted accept of the report of the committee chosen to defend & support the common landing place on Charle's River near Whitney's Destillery. Voted, that said committee take the depositions of certain persons to be kept in perpetual remembrance concerning said landing place, to be recorded (Report on file)

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Voted that the proposition of Amos Bond concerning the Highway be put on file for further consideration

Voted to Excuse Elisha Livermore from serveing as a Surveyor

Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Surveyor & was sworn before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Voted to so far to reconsider the vote pas'd by the town on the 20th of March for the surveyors to return their lists to the Aſseſsors on the 10th of June, as to direct them to return said Lists on the 20th day of June next——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the town meeting was declared open by an adjournment from the third day of April 1815 concerning the sale of the Pews belonging to the town & proceeded as follows (Viz) Voted to sell the Pews belonging to the town after giveing public Notice
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to sell said Pews in the way & manner they think propper
On Motion Voted to dissolve this & all other meeting since the first of March last past & was accordingly declared dissolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 6th 1815 The Selectmen granted the following Licence Viz——
We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Watertown at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licenced and do hereby Licence Mr Nathaniel Fowle of said town to sell at public vendue or outcry, any goods or chattels, whatsoever, pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth, paſs'd June 16th 1795
Given under our hands this 6th day of June 1815

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Danl Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Israel Whitney was Sworn as Surveyor of Highways June 8th before me————Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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The following is a report of the committee chosen to assertain damage done Edmund Fowle by a road going through his land (Viz).——Watertown June 6th 1815

The Subscribers being a Committee mutually appointed by the Selectmen of Watertown on the One part & by Edmund Fowle on the other part to determine the sum said town ought to pay said Fowle for damage accruing to him by said town's opening a Road through his land to lead towards the Factory of Wiswall Fuller & C° haveing heard the parties & duly attended to their observations, do award that in consideration of said land so taken & for the damage thereby accruing to him That said town shall make for said Fowle a good four rale fence on each side of said Road which is to be opened forty feet wide, & also that they pay him the sum of Three hundred Dollars on or before the first day of September next with Interest after that time

Expence of said Committee		Sam[l] Swan	
Viz Sam[l] Swan	$3.00	Henry Craft	Committee
" Henry Craft	3.—	John Clark	
" John Clark	3 —		
	$9,, 00		

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

To whoom it may concern. This may certify that we the subscribers were, at the request of Nath[l] Bemis present & saw him dig up the bottom of an antient post between his land which he purchased of Tho[s] Mellen & the public Highway in said Watertown & saw him place a stone in the same place about two feet in Lenght principally under ground to perpetuate the bounds of said Road said Stone is about ten feet from said Bemis's fence, June 14th 1815——

Jonas White	Selectmen
Dan[l] Bond	of
Gilbert Nichols	Watertown

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen June 14th 1815 They signed an Order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anexed their several names, (Viz)—

To———Farrer for the support of Ben[n] Whitney for One Year — — — — —	20,, —
To Nathan Wood in full for the support of Joseph Cutter untill he becomes twenty one years of Age	60.—

To Oliver Jackson in part for support of poor persons in his Care — — 150.—

To Benjamin Hoten for 1 year's house rent for Jonas Learnard, from March 1st 1814 — — — — — — — — 25 —

To Benjamin Stevens in part for his servicies when drafted into the Military service of this Commonwealth in the fall of 1814 — — — — — — 10.—

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep[t] 11—1815 They signed an Order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

To Joseph Jones for Buckett for poor house — — $ 1,, 50

To Gilbert Nichols for Cash which he paid for the support of Spencer Goding one year, to Nath[l] Goding — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 45,, —

To M & E Hunt for Sundry Clothing dld poor — 3.35

To Gilbert Nichols his Acc[t] for Sundrys rec[d] of Wiswall Fuler & C° for the use of the poor & for proping the Bridge — — 19,, 55

To Catherine Hay for the support of the poor at the from————to———— — — — — — — —

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To Charles Lowering his Acc[t] for boarding Lucy Hager from January 2[d] 1815 to — — — — — — —

To Samuel Brigham for repairing Hay scales 1 year to April 1st 1815 — — — 8,, —

To Jonas White his Acc[t] for sundrys dld the poor to Sep[t] 2[d] 1815 — — — — — 75.76

To Jonathan Wyeth his Acc[t] for Coffin for M[r] Berry & Labour at great Bridge — — 6,, 00

To Jacob Adams his Acc^{t} for Knitting Seanes — 24,, —

To Jacob Adams his Acc^{t} for Stringing Seanes — 6,, —

To Gilbert Nichols his Acc^{t} for Book for Fish Committee & recording &C — 4,, 00

To Amos Bond his Acc^{t} for Twine &C for Seane 58,, 65

To Danl Bond his Acc^{t} for Ropes for Seane — — 31,, 83

To Danl Bond his Acc^{t} for Wood dld Jonas Learnard & for horse & Waggon & man to Boston with the Artilery — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 68

To Oliver Jackson for Ballance due him for the support of the poor in his care to Augt 19 1815 —

To Benjamin Hoten for six Months House rent to Sep^{t} 1st 1815 — — — — — 12,, 50

To John Hunting in part for fenceing the road through Ministerial Land &C — — — — — — 46,, 00

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Gilbert Nichols
Danl Bond
Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t} 14th 1815 they appointed Francies Leathe & Samuel Davis instead of George Craft & Clinton Thayer, discharged, as Engine Men

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on 4th day of October AD 1815——They issued the following Warrant——

Middlesex ſs; To Mr Isaac Patten one of Constables for the town of Watertown——— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts; to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Sixteenth day of October Ins^{t} at three of the Clock in the afternoon To Act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2d To know the minds of the town, whether they will repair the barn improv'd by the Revd Richard R Eliot and act any thing thereon
3d To know the minds of the town, whether they will choose a Collector to complete the collection of the Taxes committed to Jonathan Child to collect in the year 1813 and act any thing thereon
4th To hear the report of the Refferees, agreed upon by the Selectmen & Edmund Fowle concerning the damage done said Fowle by a Road being laid out through said Fowle's land, & act any thing thereon
5th To know the minds of the town, whether they will choose Agents to defend an action of review, brought against the town by Jonas White Esqr concerning the Rent of the fishery for the Year 1811 & Act any thing thereon
6th To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to petition to the Legislature of the Commonwealth to alter the Law in point of time in leaseing the Fishery & finally to be disconnected from the towns of Weston and Waltham in said Fishery and Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the time appointed to the Selectmen——

(carried up)

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Given under our hands & Seals this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fifteen

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex ſs; Watertown October 16th 1815
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & Warned the male Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein expreſs'd by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof——

Isaac Patten Constable——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 16th day of October AD 1815 proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esqr Moderator for said meeting——

2d Voted, to Repair the Barn ocupied by the Revd Richard R Eliot.
Voted to grant fifty Dollars to be laid out for that purpose, to be assefsed in the next town Afsefsment
Voted to choose a Committee to repair the said Barn

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R Whitney / Isaac Patten / Caleb Lincoln

3d Voted that the Afsefsors appoint a Collector to complete the collection of the Taxes committed to Jonathan Child for the year 1813——

4th Voted to accept the report of the Referees respecting the damage to be done to Edmund Fowle by the Road to be made through said Fowle's land leading from the Watering place to the Cotton Factory⸗ (Continued)

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Voted to appropriate the money that was granted at a public town meeting held on the 8th day of May last for the purpose of building a fence & road through the land of Jonas White Esqr & Edmund Fowle & pay the same to Edmund Fowle for the damage awarded said Fowle by the referees by means of said Road's going through said Fowle's land (amounting to $300,,—)⸗

5 Voted to choose three Agents to defend, refer, or adjust the action (as they shall see fit) of review brought against the town by Jonas White Esqr for the rent of the fishery for the year 1811

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R Whitney / Edmund Fowle / Adam Brown (excused by his request) / Isaac Patten

Voted to grant $300. to cary on said suit to be afsefsd at the next town Afsefsment

6th Voted that the Selectmen petition to the legislature for an alteration in the now existing fish law, & for a disconnection in the fishery, with the towns of Weston & Waltham and that the Selectmen for the time being, be empowered to appoint two agents to lease the fishery other than the Selectmen, in the Month of February annually to lease the fishery at public auction after haveing given public notice of such sale one Week previous thereto——

Voted, that the Representatives of the town use their endeavours to have a Law pafs'd at the next sefsion of the General Court as nearly corresponding with the foregoing vote with such limitations and restrictions as may be thought proper to carry the views of the town into effect——

Voted, that the Selectmen give notice of the intention of the town on the above subject; to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham & ask their concurence & aid in the same

Voted that the Selectmen may hire the right of takeing the fish call'd Shad & Alewives in the adjoining towns for one or more years. Voted, to dissolve this meeting which was accordingly declared dissolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27th day of November AD 1815. They Isued the following Warrant——

Middlesex, fs, To William Horn one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown——— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of December at two of the Clock P M To Act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know the minds of the town, whether they will adopt measures to prevent the Road leading from the house of Luke Bemis to Newton being established as a public highway & act any thing thereon——
3d To know the minds of the town whether they will sell to Mr Joshua Coolidge a pice of Land adjoining Sheremans pond (so call'd & act any thing thereon

4th To know if the town will direct their Treasurer to allow Moses Chenery his premium for Collecting Taxes for the year 1814——

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time appointed for said Meeting to the Selectmen

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this 27th day of November AD 1815——

Thos Clark
Jonas White
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown December 11th 1815

Pursuant to the above Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested coppies of the above Warrant two sundays at the public meeting house prior to the date hereof——

Wm Horn Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of December AD 1815. They proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said Meeting

2d Voted To choose a Committe for the purpose of meeting the committee appointed by the Court of Seſsions for the purpose of viewing the road leading from the house of Luke Bemis to Newton over Bemis's Bridge (so call'd & to oppose said Court Committe's reporting in favour of said way being made a public highway—

Voted that the said committe consist of three persons

Voted & chose for said committee
Edmund Fowle (excused)
Thomas Clark
Nath[l] Weld (excused)

Voted to excuse Edmund Fowle & Nath[l] Weld from serveing on said committee at their own request——
Voted to add Two more to said committee

Voted & chose..... { Jonas White / Joseph Bright / Dan[l] Bond / Gilbert Nichols

Voted that the above committee be ortherised to act as they shall see fit in the above case—

3[d] Voted to choose a committee of thre persons to view a certain peice of land situated by or in Sherman's Pond (so call'd) and sell & convey the same by Deed in behalf of said town & the Inhabitants thereof; if said committee shall be of opinion that it will be for the Interest of the town

Voted & chose for said committee { Moses Coolidge / Tho[s] Clark / Nath[l] R Whitney

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay Moses Chenery his premium that is due him for collecting Taxes—

Voted to dissolve said Meeting which was accordingly declard

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton January 1st AD 1816——They appointed the following persons for Engine Men the ensueing year Viz—

Elisha W Dana	Jerom Hersey
Gilbert Nichols	Elijah Ray
Leonard Harris	Thomas Soden
Josiah White	Caleb Dana
John Stimpson Jun[r]	George Coolidge
Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r]	Sam[l] Davis
Aaron Clap	Frances Leathe
James Robbins	Abraham Lincoln
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]	Nath[l] Fowle
Joseph Cole	Caleb Lincoln
William Bright	Tho[s] Googins. (appointed Nov[r] 4th 1816

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also at the above meeting the Selectmen appointed Edward Lowd for a Surveyor of Wood & Bark for the ensueing year, & was sworn to that office by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also the Selectmen signed an Order dated Jany 1st AD 1816 directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anex'd their several names (Viz)

	$ ¢
To Caty Hay for support of poor in her Care from September 4th 1815 to Jany 1st 1816	37,, 00
To John Hunting for Ballance due him for making fence on Ministerial land — —	14,, 28
To Isaac Corey for boarding two of Elisha Whitney 26 Weeks to Novr 13, 1815 —	26,, 00
To Thadeus Cole his acc^{t} for Clothe for the poor	14,, 43
To Jerom Hersey for setting Glafs in the Meeting house and School house — — — — —	20,, 60
To William Penniman his acc^{t} for Clothing supplied Thos Wellington Junr from Augt 11th 1814 To August 11th 1815 — — — — —	22.15

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To Josiah Learnard his acc^{t} in full for boarding Benjamin Learnard & Clothing supply'd him from — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	52,, —
To Stephen Longly in full for boarding and nursing Clothing & doctoring Mrs White and Lucy White 1 year to December 8th 1815 — — — — — — — — —	107,, 28
To Gilbert Nichols his acc^{t} for Cash paid S Walker & William Vose — — —	3.00
To Phinehas Sanderson for Shoes dld poor — —	7,, 50
Stephen his acc^{t} for stringing Seines April 1815 —	3,, —
To David Hager his acc^{t} in full for boarding Lucy Hager & Clothing supplied her to Jan 1st 1816 —	60,, 23

To Jonas White his acc^{t} for Sundrys dld Mr Andrew White (deceased) & funeral Expences & Mourning d^{o} — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Edmund Fowle Nathl R Whitney & Isaac Patten agents to carry on the law suit against Jonas White to defray the Expecies of said suits	190,, —
To Isaac Patten to defray the Expence of repairing Mr Eliots Barn — — — — —	50 —
To Samuel Hyde his acc^{t} for boarding Jon^{a} Nutting & for Clothing suppli'd him One year to Decr 30 1815 — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Samuel Latch his Acc^{t} for boarding Robert Sanderson from Feby 27th 1815 to Jany 1st 1816	66 —
To Sarah Adams for her support & Wood — —	20,, —
To William Sherman, United States Taxes sett to the town of Watertown — — — — —	4,, 9
To Benjamin Hoten for 6 Months Rent of house for Jonas Learnard from Sep^{t} 1, 1815 to March 1st 1816 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12,, 50
To Mark Vose his Acc^{t} in full for Supplying poor from May 6th 1814 & all demands to date — —	
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc^{t} for Cash p^{d} for Lumber — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 70
To Danl Bond his Acc^{t} for Sundrys — — — —	12,, 25

Signed—— Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Danl Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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January 30th 1816 the Selectmen granted the following Licence Viz we the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown at a Meeting this day held for that purpose, have Licenced and do by those presence Licence Edward Lowd of said town to sell at public Vendue or out cry any goods &

Chattles whatever pursuant to a Law of this commonwealth pas'd June 16th 1795

signed Jonas White, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown at a Meeting held for that purpose February 19th 1816 have appointed and by these presents do appoint Levi Thaxter Esq[r] & Nath[l] Weld Agents to Lease the Fishery in Watertown agreeable to an Act pas'd Feb[y] 3[d] 1816—

Signed—— Thomas Clark, Jonas White, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen February 26th 1816——They signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)—

To Calvin Honey for Military service in defence of the state agreeable to a Vote of the town pas'd May 8th 1815 ————————————	24,, 00
To Jerimiah Osburn....ditto.....	24,, 00
to John Hardy.....ditto.....	20,, 00
to Jonathan Peirce....ditto.....	20,, 00
to Phinehas Learnard..ditto.....	20,, 00
to Dan[l] A Tainter ....ditto.....	20,, 00
to Isaac Swan.....ditto.....	24,, 00
to William Swift.....ditto.....	20,, 00
to Asa Stone.....ditto.....	20,, 00

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To Wilson Bridges.....ditto.....	$20,, 00
to Benjamin Stevens (Ballance due).....	$20,, 00
To Francies Whitney.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Amasa Jackson.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Charles Loring.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Leonard Whitney.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To John Sawyer.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Nath[l] White.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Jacob Easty* .....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Elijah Bellows.....ditto.....	10,, 33

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1816 They isued the following Warrant Viz

Middlesex ſs To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & Notify the free holders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighteenth day of March Instant, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon To Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April Annually
3[d] To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Servicies——
4th To determine whether Swine and Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year & grant Money for the same & Act any thing thereon

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6th To Grant money to support the poor & Act any thing——
7th To grant money to make & repair the Highways and Act any thing thereon
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons who the Town are indebted to a grant money to pay the same & Act any thing thereon
9th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor and Act any thing thereon
11th To know the mind of the Town whether they will sell part of the common land adjoining the watering place (so call'd & Act any thing thereon
12th To know what repairs the Town will make on their Meeting house And Act any thing thereon
13th To know if the town will take into consideration the situation of the Engine house & Wagon and Act any thing thereon
14th To know if the Town will grant Money for Contingent expencies And Act any thing thereon
15th To know if the town will find Seines in future for their fishery & Act any thing thereon——
16th To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury

Also you are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighteenth day March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for County Register and Treasurer

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants and your doings thereon

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To the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meeting⸗

Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown this fourth day of March AD 1816⸗

Thomas Clark
Jonas White
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs Watertown March 18th 1816

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet & Assemble as within directed & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting Copies of the within Warrant at the public meeting house two Sunday prior to the date hereof

signed——Wm Horn Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 11th 1816 they signed an Order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

To Isaac Dana for attendance as a Witneſs respecting Cambridge Bridge — — — — — — — —	2,, 00
To Thomas Richardson for Clothing——David Barnard — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25,, —
To Joseph Cole for repairing Town's plow — —	2,, 75
To Nathl Woodard his acct as Sexton &C — —	46,, 89
To Mrs Hay her acct for boarding the poor since May 22d 1816 — — — — — — — — — — — — —	55,, 66
To Z Bradford for entertainment of fish committe — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 37
To Coolidge and Stone for boarding Solomon Hunter from Janr 1s 1815 To June 5th—22 Weeks @ 9/ — — — — — — — — — — — — —	33,, —
To Hannah Davis for boarding Mrs White from Decr 3rd 1816 to March 11th—1816 14 Weeks @ 6/ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	14.00

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To Nathl R Whitney for Cash paid by him for expence in takeing depositions of persons — —	8,, 50
To Stephen Cook for 1 years house Rent for Mrs Bray to March 1st 1816 & repairing Waste bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	33,, —
To Amos Livermore Jur his acct for setting glaſs in East School house &C — — —	7,, 30

To Dan[l] Bond for wood supplied Jonas Learnard & for Blankett dld Poor — — — 10,, 75

To Nath[l] Bemis for Medicine & attence on the poor to this date — — — 7,, —

To Charles Stratton his acc[t] in full for expences for Selectmen committees in Town employ since April 26th 1815 — — — 25 —

To Charles Whitney for Edmund Fowle's order for compensation for damage done him by the Road laid out through his land agreeable to the report of the referees dated Jun 6th — — — — — 300.—

Interest on the same from Sep[t] 1st to March 1st 9.00

Thomas Clark
Dan[l] Bond
Gilbert Nichols
} Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March
1816

At a public town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 18th day of March AD 1816— for the purpose of transacting the busines set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols town Clerk, who was sworn to that Office by Tho[s] Clark Esq[r] Moderator

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Thomas Clark (sworn
- Daniel Bond (sworn
- Gilbert Nichols (sworn
- Moses Chenery (sworn
- William White (sworn

Voted & chose for Assessors
- Thomas Clark (sworn
- Gilbert Nichols (sworn
- Charles Whitney (sworn

Voted to choos the remainder of the Town Officers by hand Votes——

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two hours then to meet at this place

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 18th 1816—

Agreeable to the above adjournment the meeting was declared open, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose for fence viewers
- John Fowle sworn
- Eben^{r} Chenery sworn
- Joshua Coolidge
- Moses Coolidge sworn

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Jonas White
- Amos Bond
- Nathl Woodard
- Thomas Learnard

Voted & chose for Clerks of Markett
- Charles Patten
- John Clark

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Voted & chose for Surveyors—
- Adam Brown (sworn
- Thomas Learnard (sworn
- Moses Chenery (sworn
- Nathl Harrington (sworn
- Peter Clark
- Luke Bemis

Voted & chose for Field Drivers—
- Josiah Learnard sworn
- James Robbins (sworn
- Jeremiah Rufsell (sworn
- John Fowle (sworn
- Saml Bellows
- Charles Stone
- Francies Bright (excused
- Nathl Harrington
- Enos Blake (sworn

Voted & chose for Hogreeves—
- Charles Patten (sworn
- Elisha Whitney (sworn
- Danl Tower
- Jerom Hersey
- John Harris
- Wm Vose—(sworn
- Israel Whitney sworn
- Jeremiah Rufsell sworn
- Amasa Jackson (sworn
- John McKenney sworn

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber — Isaac Dana——sworn; Wm Horn——sworn

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana——sworn; William Horn sworn

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nath[l] Bemis; John Fowle; Amos Bond; Nath[l] Weld; Luke Bemis; Adam Brown; Moses Coolidge; Elisha Livermore

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Voted & chose for fish Committe — Josiah Coolidge; Nath[l] Weld; Wm M Pomroy; Edward Lowd; Gilbert Nichols

Voted & chose for Constables — Moses Chenery (excused; Isaac Dana. sworn

Voted to excuse Moses Chenery from serveing as Constable

Voted & chose Samuel Learned for Constable in place of Moses Chenery excused & was sworn accordingly

Ar[t] 3[d] Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton & agree with him for his servicies——

Ar[t] 4th Voted that Swine & neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensueing year

Ar[t] 5th Voted to accept of the following Report (Viz)

We the subscribers appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown at a public Town Meeting held on the 8th day of May AD 1815, to assertain the number of Scholars in the respective destricts have attended to that service & beg leave to report——That we find that there are in the West Destrict one hundred & forty two——And in the Middle Destrict two hundred & thirty——And in the East destrict Eighty seven——All which is submitted by

Signed—— Elisha Livermore; Peter Clark; Gilbert Nichols; Nath[l] R Whitney; Adam Brown; Abijah White

as you may see on file

Voted that the West & Middle destricts be divided into three districts an draw their propotion of the money accordingly—which will make one hundred and twenty four Children for each of said districts & eighty seven for the East destrict⸗

Voted to choose a committee to divide the School Destrict & set bounds to all the respective Districts in the Town and report at april meeting⸗

Voted & chose for said committe { Nath[l] R Whitney, Gilbert Nichols, John Tucker, Nath[l] Bemis, Adam Brown, Peter Clark, Elisha Livermore

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Voted to grant twelve hundred Dollars to be divided equally between the four intended districts

Ar[t] 6 Voted to postpone granting money to support the poor to the adjournment of this meeting

Ar[t] 7th Voted that there laid and assessed on every rateable poll twenty five Cents & other estate in propotion to be laid out on the Highways under the same regulations as last year—

8th Voted to allow the following accounts (Viz)

Nath[l] R Whitney for servicies render'd the town in the action VS. Jonas White Esq[r] — — — —	16,, 00
Isaac Patten for servicies redered the town in the Action VS. Jonas White Esq[r] — — — — — — —	14,, 00
Edmund Fowle for servicies rendered the town in the Action Vs. Jonas White Esq[r] — — — —	25.00

Voted to allow the following accounts & Grant Money to pay the same (Viz⸗

To Abijah White for Servicies as Town Treasurer	$50,, 00
Thomas Clark's for servicies render'd as an Afsefsor on committees & Cash paid for poor —	36,, 00
To William Horn for his servicies as Constable —	6,, 00
Nathaniel Woodard for takeing care of stove —	10,, 00

Nath[l] Woodard for cash p[d] Jon[a] Wyeth for takeing care of the Stove in 1814 — —	8,, 00
Amos Bond for makeing Taxes 1815 &C — — —	20,, 00
Gilbert Nichols his acc[t] as Clerk & Aſſeſsor &C —	56,, 00

Landing place

9th Voted to accept of the report of the Committee appointed by the town to defend the common landing place near Whitney's Distillery on Charles River on the 20th March 1815 Voted 1st That the town Clerk be required forthwith to cause the report together with the depositions anexed the same to be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for the County of Middlesex & that the Town Clerk be required to record the same upon the Town Book as soon as they can be obtain'd from the Register's Office & place the same on the town files.

10th Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the poor the ensueing year & conduct with them as they shall think proper

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Ar[t] 11th Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the Watering place (so call'd & see if it be expidient to sell any part of the common land adjoining the same & report at next meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R Whitney, Hubart Ruſsell, James Robbins }

Ar[t] 12 Voted to choose a Committee to examine the meeting house, & see what repairs are nessessary & report at our next meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Livermore Jn[r], W[m] Horn, Nath[l] Bemis, Caleb Lincoln, Thomas Clark }

13 Voted to choose a committee to take into consideration the situation of Engine house & Waggon & determine what is best to be done with the same

Voted & chose for said Committee { Gilbert Nichols, John Fowle, Adam Brown }

14th Voted to postpone granting money for contingent Expences to April Meeting——

15th Voted that the town will not find Seines in future for the Fishery except what the town has now on hand

16 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen concerning the state of our Treasury & place the same on file which stands thus Viz

That Abijah White Treasurer is Charg'd the sum of ———————————	6762,, 9
and is Credited the sum of ———————	6346,, 83
leaveing a ballance being Cash in the Treasury ———————————	415.26

Voted that the Selectmen be & are empower'd to sink Taxes of Charles Whitney instead of Samuel Cook, which was committed to said Cook to collect in the year provided the Administrator to said Cook's Estate will discharge said Town from the premium due said Estate for Collecting part of said list

Voted that the Selectmen & Aſſeſsors are empowered to settle the list of Taxes that was committed to Jonathan Child to collect in the year 1813 as they shall think most for the Interest of the town

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton there to meet at six of the Clock this evening for the purpose of farming out Taxes &C—

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants aforesaid at the house of Charles Stratton agreeable to the foregoing adjournment the proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose as pound keeper Jeremiah Ruſsell who was accordingly sworn to that office by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

2 Voted to farm out the collection of Taxes on the same conditions as last year excepting they shall complete the Collection by the first of May following the date thereof

3 Voted that the Taxes shou'd be put up in one list. Which was accordingly done & struck off to Jonathan Stone for two & a half Cents on a Dollar

4 Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Collector for the ensueing year

The Hay Scales was then put up for the highest bidder for one year from the first of April 1816 And was struck off to Elisha W Dana for $29,,00

Also the wharf in Cambridge was put up & struck off to Isaac Dana for 1 year from 1st April 1816 — 1,, 5

Voted to postpone chooseing County Treasurer and County Register to the first day of April 1816 then to meet at the public meeting house at 4 O clock in the aftern oon for that purpose

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st day of April then to meet at four of the Clock at the public Meeting house———

Which was Accordingly declared adjourned———

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 18th 1816

The following persons appeared & was sworn to the faithful performance of their several Offices (Viz) Jeremiah Russell pound keeper——Jeremiah Rufsell James Robbins & Enos Blake as field-drivers——Charles Patten Elisha Whitney William Vose Israel Whitney Jeremiah Russell & John McKenney as Hogreeves——Isaac Dana & William Horn Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana & William Horn Cullers of Hoops & Staves——Isaac Dana & Samuel Learned——Constables——Charles Whitney as Afsessor before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816 March 26th Then the following persons apeared & was sworn to the faithful performance of their several Offices Viz Thomas Clark Daniel Bond William White as Selectmen and Thomas Clark as an Afsefsor——Adam Brown Surveyor of Highways——before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also Gilbert Nichols as Selectman & Afsefsor before Thomas Clark Justice of the Peace. Moses Chenery was sworn as Selectman before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 March 27th The Selectmen at a meeting this day held for that purpose, appointed the following persons as Weighers of Beef for the ensueing year agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth pas'd February 1816. Viz

Weighers of Beef— { Thomas Googins, sworn
Elisha W Dana, sworn
Amos Livermore Junr

Also they appointed the following persons as Measurer of Wood Viz

Measurers of Wood— { Edward Lowd (sworn
John Clark

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for April 1816

April 21st 1816. The Selectmen isued the following Warrant Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith, to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said being twenty one years of age & upwards, haveing a freehold Estate within said Commonwealth of the annual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds; to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Govenor Lieut Govenor & Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth——

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to vote in town Affairs to meet

To meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To hear the Report of the Committee on the Subject of School Districts, And Act any thing thereon
3 To know if the town will build a new pound and Act any thing thereon

4th To know what method the town will take to repair their Great Bridge & Grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon

5 To know if the town will except the list of Jurors prepar'd by the Selectmen And Act any thing thereon

6th To know what method the town will take to expend the Money that is or may be Collected from the several delinquents in the Highway Taxes & Act any thing thereon

7 To know what method the town will take to Collect sundry Accounts & demands which the town have against Sundry persons and Act any thing thereon

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doing thereon to the Selectmen, on or before the time appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty first day of March AD 1816

Thomas Clark
Daniel Bond
Gilbert Nichols
Wm White
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss. April 1st 1816 by virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown as therein expreſsed by posting up an Attested copy of the within Warrant two Sundays previous to said Meeting at the public Meeting house in said town.

(signed)———Samuel Learned Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April Meeting

At a public town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Govenor Lieut Govenor and Senators & Counsellors being duly warned and assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 1st day of April AD 1816.——

The Selectmen presideing, the List of Voters revised the Votes for Govenor Lieut Govenor & Senators & Counsellors

were call'd for brought in & sorted & Counted and it appear'd the following persons had the number of votes anex'd their several names (Viz)

For Govenor

Hon. Samuel Dexter had One hundred & forty six votes
Hon. John Brooks had Ninety nine votes

For Lieu[t] Govenor

Hon. William King had One hundred & forty six votes
Hon. William Philips had Ninety seven votes

For Senators

Samuel Hoar Esq. had One hundred & forty three votes
Timothy Fuller Esq. had One hundred & forty three votes
John Hart Esq. had One hundred forty two votes
Josiah Bartlett Esq[r] had Ninety four votes
Samuel P P. Fay had Ninety seven votes
Calvin Sanger Esq[r] had Ninety seven votes
Jacob Reeves Esq[r] had One vote
William White had two votes
William Austin Esq[r] had one vote

On Motion it was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Charles Stratton for the purpose of completeing & sealing the returns of Votes for Govenor Lieu[t] Govenor & Senators & Counsellors which was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816
April

Then the Meeting was opened by adjournment from the 18th day of March last, for the purpose of chooseing County Treasurer & Register, the votes were call'd for & brought in after counting it appeared the following persons had the following number of Votes anex'd their several Names (Viz)

for County Treasurer

John Keyes Esq. had One hundred & six votes
Abiel Haywood had Fifty seven votes
Sam[l] Bartlett Esq[r] had four votes

for Register
Sam[l] Bartlett Esq[r] had seventy two votes
Hon John Brooks had thirty four votes
John Keyes had three votes
Abiel Haywood had five votes

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting in town affairs agreeable to the Warrant of the Selectmen deld March 21st 1816 was opened, & the Inhabitants qualified as the Warrant expresed being regularly warn'd proceeded as follows (Viz)

1[s] Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator

2[d] Voted to reconsider the Vote of the town pas'd the 18th day of March last, respecting the division of the Middle School District

Voted to accept the following report & put the same into execution——

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown in Town Meeting assembled, on Monday the first day of April AD 1816 The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of said town at a legal meeting held on the 18th day of March last AD 1816 to divide the School districts in said town & set bounds to them respectively, beg leave to report as follows (Viz).—

That all the Inhabitants of said town West of a line beginning at Charles River half way between the House belonging to Marshall Spring Esq[r] now ocupied by Mark Vose & the House belonging to David Hager in south Street (so call'd), thence running Northerly to the main Street between The house belonging to the Widow Jerusha Norcross & the house belonging to Elijah Norcross, thence across said Main Street East of the house in which Levi Thaxter Esq[r] now lives & owns

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Thence Northerly over the hill to Whitney's lane (so call'd) east of the house belonging to Josiah Hovey, thence still northerly, west of the house belonging to M[r] Bradley formerly belonging to Dan[l] Barnard to Waltham line to Thomas Harrington's corner (so call'd shall constitute one district to be call'd the West District———

That all the Inhabitants east & north of a line begining at Waltham line where the line of the West district last terminated, thence running Southardly West of said Bradley's house to the Road leading to Boston by Nath[l] Brights then Eastwardly on said road including all the houses on said Road till it comes to the Road leading over Meeting house hill (so call'd thence runing Southeastwardly & West of the farms of Harrison G Otis Esq[r] & Michael Gay to the great Road leading to Boston thence running Southardly & East of the house of the late Joshua Hill deceas'd in a straight line to Charles River, shall constitute one district to be called the East District

That all the remaining Inhabitants of said town shall constitute one district to be call'd a double District Your Committee further report that at the Meeting held on the Eighteenth day of March last it was Voted that the old West & Middle Districts shou'd be divided into three Districts & draw their propotion of the Money Granted by the town for the use of Schools accordingly——But your committee understanding that many of the Inhabitants of the said Middle District, out of which the fourth contemplated District was principally to be formed, prefered continueing together under the Idea of a double district, and drawing the same amount of money as though they were divided into two Seperate Districts——In order to assertain the sence of said Inhabitants notified a Meeting thereof, & it was the unanimous desire of a full meeting of the double district sett of as aforesaid, not to be divided into two districts but to continue together, & It was also the unanimous wish of said Inhabitants of said

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Inhabitants of said double district that the town instead of building a New Schoolhouse in a seperate place, wou'd build an addition to the old Schoolhouse by raiseing the same another Story——And your committee are of opinion that many great & esential advantages will be gained by adopting the arangement & division aforesaid both to the town & to the said double districts——And your Committee believe that in order to carry them into full effect it will be nefsefsary for the town to adopt the following Votes And which they accordingly recommend for the adoption of the town

1 Voted that the town accept the foregoing report of their committee divideing the Town into three districts to be call'd the West, East, & Double Districts, & that the town be so divided accordingly——

2d Voted that an addition to the School house in the said double District be made by raiseing the same one story higher.

all which is submitted by

(signed) Nath[l] R Whitney, Gilbert Nichols, John Tucker, Nath[l] Bemis, Adam Brown, Peter Clark, Elisha Livermore } committee

Voted to accept & carry the above report into full effect——

Voted to choose a committee to assertain the probable expence of raiseing the Brick Schoolhouse one Story higher & report at May Meeting next what it can be done for

Voted & chose for said committee { John Fowle, Nath[l] Bemis, Nath[l] R Whitney }

3d Voted to chose a committee to examine the Pound & see if it can be repaired if not to see what it will cost to build a new one & report at May Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis, Nath[l] R Whitney, Adam Brown }

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4th Voted to postpone the 4th Article respecting the Great Bridge to the adjournment of this Meeting for the purpose of hearing the Statement of the Selectmen concerning what repairs are nessessary for the same

5th Voted to postpone the List of Jurors to our next Meeting

6th Voted to expend the delinquencies in Highway in the years 1814 & 1815 in repairing the Great Bridge

7th Voted to choos a committee to assertain what claim are good & valid due their town from individuals & report at

the adjournment of this meeting what measures the town had better adopt to collect the same

Voted & chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow Esqr / Abijah White / Nathl R Whitney Esqr

Voted to adjourn the meeting to our next May Meeting then to Meet at four of the Clock P.M. on said day

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the town Meeting was declard open by an adjournment from the 18th day of March last & proceeded as follows (Viz).

Then the following report was Read from the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds (Viz)—

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds held at the office of Levi Thaxter on Friday the 10th day of June 1815 at three of the clock P. M present, Jonas White Nathl R Whitney Levi Thaxter John Fowle & Peter Clark the said White & Thaxter did not act in their official capasities as Trustees

Voted & agreed to straighten the Line between the Ministerial Land & the land of Jonas White Esqr

Voted & agreed with Jonas White that in future the divideing line between the Ministerial Land & the land of said White shall be as follows (Viz)——to begin at the Northwest corner of the Ministerial land by the Powder house & run in a Southwardly direction in a straight line to the great County Road fifty feet South of the Northeasterly Corner

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Of the Ministerial land; and all the Ministerial land on the northerly line to be conveyed by the Trustees to the said White & all the land of the said White on the Southwardly side of said line to be conveyed to the Trustees; the northerly half of said fence to belong to the said White & to be removed on to said line by him & kept in repair, & the Southerly half of said fence to belong to the Trustees and to be moved onto the line & supported by the town said fence to be moved within one year from the ensueing Autumn; The said White also agreeing that if the Trustees

shou'd ever wish to open a Road on said line that he will give one half of the land for the same It being understood by the parties & this agreement being made on the part of said White with the expectation & on condition that the town will build a good Stone wall on both sides of the Road laid out from the great Road in front of the Cotton Factory to the corner of Russells Garden where the same passes through said Whites land when ever the town shou'd see fit to open said Road and the said White will not demand any damage of the town for his land taken for said Road——

Att[t] Levi thaxter Clerk for said Trustees

Nath[l] R Whitney	Trustees &
John Fowle	committee appointed
Peter Clark	by the town

Voted to accept of the above report & that the committee carry the same into effect accordingly

Voted, that the Report of the Committe respecting the repairing of the Meeting hous be laid on file for further consideration.——*

Voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs on the Meeting house as they shall think nessessary to secure the same for the present

Voted & chose for said committe	Nath[l] Bemis
	Abijah White
	Amos Livermore Jun

Voted to Grant fifty Dollars to repair the Meeting house

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Voted that the Report of the committee concerning the Engine house shou'd be filed for further consideration at our next May Meeting—

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds agreeable to the Act of Incorporation, present the town the following statement of their doings the last year & of the existing state of their Funds (Viz)

But one sale of land has been made dureing the last year (Viz) one Lot 100 feet square to Martin Wilder for the sum of $300— on Interes from April 1st 1815*

**Editorial Note:—Gilbert Nichols frequently wrote words, without completing their endings; "hous", "interes".*

The income due the first day of April 1815 has been collected & paid in to the Treasurer Amounting to $311.53

The funds of the corporation at this time in Money at interest amounts to the sum of $2300,,50c—which is due from the following persons (Viz)—

From Isaac Patten — — — — —	$630.00
" Jon[a] Wyeth — — — — —	300.00
" Edward Lowd — — — — —	325.00
" Cyrus & Joseph Rufsell — —	550.00
" Jessee Smith Eben[r] Fuller & Seth Dewing — —	150.00
" Wiswall Fuller & C[o] — — —	45.50
" Martin Wilder — — — — —	300.00
Total — — — — —	$2300,, 50

The Interest or income ariseing on said sum to the first day of April 1816 & due this day is — — — — — — — $138,, 3
the rent on Real Estate now due is — — — — 167,, 25

makeing the amount of income the last year — $305.28

By order of the Trustees

(Signed) Levi Thaxter Treasurer

Voted to grant Fifty Dollars to be paid over to the committee of the singing Society, to be appropriated for the use of a Singing School for the use of the Town that is for those Inhabitants who shall go to said School, or see fit to send——

Voted that this meeting stand adjournd to our next May Meeting then to meet & proceed at three of the Clock, P.M.

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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The Inhabitants (agreeable to an adjournment declared at the Meeting house this afternoon April 1st 1816) Met at the house of Charles Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the Votes which was accordingly done in open Town Meeting—

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 1st 1816

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton April 1st 1816 at 8' of the Clock in the evening they agreed to lease the pews that belong to the town at public Auction upon the same conditions as they were the last year, for one year from this day April 12th 1816

The Godard Pew (so call'd) was put & struck of to Charles Stratton for — — — — 12,, 75

The East long Pew was put up & struck of to—— Amos Wheeler for — — — — — — 8,, 00

The West long Pew was put up & struck of to—— Clinton Thayer for — — — — 8,, 25

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 1st Thomas Learned Moses Chenery & Nathl Harrington was sworn as Surveyors of Highways before Gilbert Nichols Town Clk

May 6th Josiah Learned and John Fowle was sworn as field drivers. John Fowle Moses Coolidge Ebenezer Chenery was sworn as Fence viewers——

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 20th Luke Bemis and Peter Clark was sworn as Surveyors of Highways

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Warrant for May 1816

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the hous of Charles Stratton April 25. 1816, they issued the following Warrant (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown,——— Greeting

You are hereby required in the nam of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding haveing a freehold estate in said town of the anual

income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston the last Wednesday of May next——

Also. You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at four of the clock, PM. to act on the following Articles, Viz

Article
1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will approve the doings of the Selectmen in sinking the Taxes sett against the names of the several persons for the year 1814 & 1815 agreeable to their report, & act any thing thereon.
3d To know if the town will ortherise their Selectmen or Afsefsors for the time being, to sink the whole or of any persons Taxes that may be set to them hereafter and act any thing thereon as the town may think propper
4th To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to make further opposition to the Road & Bridge prayed for by Luke & Seth Bemis and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with

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With your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on, or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Watertown this twenty fifth day of April AD 1816

Signed——— Thomas Clark, Daniel Bond, Gilbert Nichols, William White, Moses Chenery } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs, Watertown May 6. 1816——

Pursuant to the above Warrants I have notified the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed, to

meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentiond, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof——

Signed—— Samuel Learned Constable

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 May 6th Meeting

At a public Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the town of Watertown being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said Watertown on Monday the 6th day of May AD 1816 the Selectmen of said town presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz) Voted to choose two Representatives

The list of Voters revised was read & the votes call'd for and was brought in sorted & counted & proclaim'd to stand as follows

(Viz) Thomas Clark Esq[r] had Sixty six votes——
William White had Sixty six Votes——

& the said Thomas Clark & William White was declared to be shosen to Represent the town the ensueing year

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816— Meeting May 6

At a public Town Meeting, of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned (agreeable to the Warrant returnd this day Viz May 6th 1816——being duly Assembled at the time & place proceeded as follows (Viz).

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq[r] Moderator

2[d] Voted to accept & confirm the doings of the Selectmen in abateing & sinking the Taxes of Sundry persons set against them in the years 1814 & 1815

3[d] Voted that the Selectmen and Afsefsors for the time being, hereafter, be, and they are hereby appointed & fully

orthorised & impowered (untill the further orders of the town) to abate the Taxes sett against the names of any persons, in whole or in part as they shall think propper, and make an annual report of their doing to the town in public town meeting——

4th Voted that the Selectmen may make further opposition to the Road & Bridge pray'd for by Luke & Seth Bemis if they shall think propper

On Motion it was Voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared dissolv'd——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 6th March Meeting open'd

Then March meeting was declared open agreeable to an adjournment from the 1st day of April AD 1816 and proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to grant fourteen hundred Dollars for the support of the poor the ensueing year————————$1400.00

Voted to accept the following report concerning the repairing of the Brick School house (Viz)——

Your committee that was chosen to assertain the probable expence of raiseing the Brick School house one Story higher, has attended to that service, and do recomend to the town to grant four hundred & fifty Dollars also to choose a discreete committee to carry the buſineſs into effect 1816 May 6th signed.

John Fowle
Adam Brown } committee
Nath[l] Bemis

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Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols as agent for the purpose of raiseing the Brick School house one Story higher agreeable to the foregoing report——

Voted to grant four hundred & fifty Dollars for the purpose of enableing the aforesaid Agent to raise the said School house & pay the expence of the same — — — —$450,, 00

Voted to grant One hundred & fifty Dollars for the purpose of staightening the line & moveing the wall between the

Ministerial land & the land of Jonas White Esq, & for contingent expences, — — — — — — — — — — $150,, 00

Voted that the time, of the several Surveyors of highways for returning their lists shou'd be lengthened out to the twentieth of June next——

On Motion it was voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

adjournment of April meeting open'd

Then the town meeting was declared open by adjournment from the 1st day of April and the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs proceeded as follows. (Viz)

The following report was read (Viz)

To the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown in town meeting aſsembled on the six day of May AD 1816—— Your committee appointed on the 1st day of April 1816, to examine the town Pound & see if it is worth repairing, if not, to assertain what a new pound can be built for, have attended to that service & beg leave to report as follows, That the season of the year has arived when it is absolutely neſsessary that we shou'd have a pound fit for use.— And it is not convenient to obtain materials for building a new one, as at some other season of the year We are of opinion that if five posts are procured, the raleing may answer to repair the same & the expence will not exceed twelve Dollars & the Pound will be sufficient for the present——And likewise we recommend that a committee be raised to procure Materials the next Winter to build a new one al which is summitted

Watertown May 6. 1816

Luke Bemis
Nathl R Whitney } committee
Adam Brown

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Voted to choose a committee to make the neſsessary repairs to the town's pound——

Voted & chose for said committee { Luke Bemis, Nathl R Whitney, Adam Brown }

Voted to grant twelve Dollars for the purpose of repairing the pound.——— $12,, 00

Voted that the proposition of Charles Whitney respecting the great Bridge, remain on file for further consideration Voted to choose a committe for the purpose of repairing the great Bridge——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Bemis, Adam Brown, John Fowle

Voted that the list made by the Selectmen be postponed for further consideration——at our next meeting——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of June next for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee respecting the back accounts, also, for the purpose of excepting the list of Jurors made by the Selectmen; then to meet at this place at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon. adjournd———

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Jurors list accepted

1816 June 10th Agreeable to an Adjournment May 6th 1816 (as you may see above) the Inhabitats of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in Town Affair met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 10th day of June AD 1816 & proceeded as follows Viz

Voted to accept the list of Jurors made by the Selectmen & that the same be placed on file——

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Landing place

The committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown at a legal meeting thereof, on the 20th day of March AD 1815, to support and defend the common landing place situated near Whitney's Distillery on Charles River—have attended that service & beg leave to report— That said committee made a report signed Amos Bond ℔ Order, at a public town meeting held on the 8th of May AD 1815 which was then accepted by said Inhabitants & there-

upon your committee were appointed to take the depositions of sundry persons to be preserv'd in perpetual remembrance, relative to said common landing place to be recorded——In pursuance of which last mentioned vote, Your Committee have taken according to law, the depositions of Charles Nutting, Phinehas Jennison & Samuel Benjamin haveing notified Nath[l] Weld the only person whom the committee know to be interested in the property to which the said depositions relate—which depositions are hereunto anexed, and your committee are of opinion that said depositions abundantly prove & establish the rights of the Inhabitants of said town & all others to the use and improvement of the said common Landing place & pafs way commonly call'd the gap situate near the Destillery ocupied by Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] on the South side of Charles River without paying or being liable to pay any fees or compensation for the use & improvement thereof, to any person or persons whatever——Your committee recommend to the town the adoption of the following Votes (Viz)—

1st Voted, That the Town Clerk be required forthwith to cause the depositions aforesaid to be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for the County of Middlesex——

2[d] Voted, that the town Clerk be required to record upon the town books the depositions aforesaid as soon as they can be obtained from the Register together with this Report & also place the same on the files belonging to the town

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3[d] Voted, That it be recommended by the town to any Inhabitants thereof who may hereafter be call'd upon to pay any fees for the use of said landing place not to pay the same & if sued therefor that he shoud forthwith lay the same before the Selectmen for the time being——And that the said Selectmen be and are hereby required to aid & assist such persons in vesting such claim by takeing upon themselves in behalf of said town the defence of such suit

All which is submitted

signed Tyler Bigelow, Nath[l] Bemis, Nath[l] R Whitney } Committee

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

A true Copy

Deposition }

I Samuel Benjamin of Watertown in the County of Middlesex Yeoman being upwards of seventy eight years of age, do testify & say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the Gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Distill house of Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] for upwards of sixty years & dureing all said time the same has been used and improv'd by the Inhabitants of said Watertown and others as a public and common landing place and paſsway to & from said River, and, that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said landing place or set up any claim to fees or compensation for paſsing or repasing through the same or for the use thereof, excepting I have heard within two years that Nath Weld pretended to demand fees for the use of said gap, I further say that I & my Farther before me have used said gap in Carting Hay & Timber through the same but never paid any thing for the use thereof, nor, did any person ever demand any thing of me or my Farther to my knowledge

(Signed Samuel Benjamin——

A true Copy Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, Middlesex ſs——

Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeared before us, the Subscribers two Justices in & for the said County of Middlesex, quorum unus, the aforesaid deponent, and after being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true—Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow, Nath[l] Bemis & Nath[l] R Whitney Esquires a committee appointed by the inhabitants of the said town of Watertown to take depositions of certain persons to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing & we duly notified Nath[l] Weld the only person we know to be interested in the property to which the said deposition relates, but he did not think propper to attend.——

Signed) ——— Nathan Fuller, John Richardson } two Justices of the peace Quorum, unus of said County

a true Copy Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

2d deposition. I, Phinehas Jennison of Newton in the County of Middlesex, Yeoman, being upwards of seventy two years of age, do testify & say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Destillery of Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] for Sixty years & during all said time the same has been used & improv'd by the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown & others as a public & common landing place & paſsway to & from said River, & that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said Gap or landing place or sett up any claim to fees or compensation for paſsing or repaſsing through the same, or for the use thereof——that I have myself follow'd boating on said River for a number of years & used the said gap, but never paid any thing for the use thereof nor did any person ever demand any thing of me——

Signed——Phinehas Jenison———

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Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts———

Middlesex ſs. Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeard before us the subscribers two Justices of the peace for said County of Middlesex Quorum Unus, the aforesaid deponent, and after being carfully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true——Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow Nath[l] Bemis & Nath[l] R Whitney Esquires a committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown, to take the depositions of certain persons to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing——.

And, we duly notified Nath[l] Weld the only person we knew to be interested in the property to which the said deposition relates, but, he did not think propper to attend.

(Signed) Nathan Fuller, John Richardson } Two Justices of the Peace Quorum Unus of said County

A true Copy Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

3d Deposition } I Charles Nutting of Watertown in the County of Middlesex Labourer, being upwards of sixty years of age

do testify and say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Destill house of Nath[l] R Whitney for upwards of fifty years & dureing all said time the same has been used and improv'd by the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown, and others as a public & common landing place & paſsway to & from said River, & that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said gap or common landing place or sett up any claim to fees, or compensation for paſsing or repaſsing through the same, or for the use thereof, that I my self followed boating on said River for upwards of fifty years

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And used said gap but never paid any thing for the use thereof, nor did any person ever demand any thing of me———

(Signed) — — — — — — — — — — — — Charles Nutting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ſs, Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeared before us the subscribers two Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Middlesex Quorum Unus, the aforesaid deponent being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth and nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true——Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow Nath[l] Bemis, Nath[l] R Whitney Esquires, a committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown to take the depositions of certain persons to be perserved in perpetual remembrance of that thing, And, we duly notified Nath[l] Weld the only person we know to be interested in the property to which the said depositions relate, but he did not think proper to attend

(Signed.) Nathan Fuller, John Richardson } Two Justices of the Peace Quorum Unus of said County

A true Copy Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

As you may see on file)

NB.—The foregoing report and depositions stand recorded in the Registry of Deeds Office in said county of Middlesex, book 217, page 69———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10th June 1816 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of money annex'd their several names (Viz)

To Hannah Davis for Clothing & supplying Sally Berry	6,, 47
To Catharine Hay for supporting the poor &C from March 11th 1816 to June 3d 1816	56.79
To Jonas White for boarding John Sanger from Novr 1st 1815 to April 1st 1816 @ $1,, ℔ Week	21,, 50
To Samuel Bellows for 113 Rails to fence the Revd R R Eliot's Garden	15,, 25
To Gilbert Nichols his Acct for Cash pd Mrs Bray to supply her with Wood &C and for Cash pd for recording the papers relateing to the Common Landing place at the Registers office	9,, 50
To Levi Thaxter Esqr for attending the probate Court to settle Danl Jackson's acct as Guardian to John Sanger	6,, 00
To Jacob Farrar for the support of Benn Whitney one year	20.—
To Isaac Corey for boarding Elisha Whitneys two Children from Novr 13th 1815 to April 11th 1816	20,, 50
To Charles Whitney to Cash by him at Concord for opposeing the Road pray'd for by Luke Bemis	47.40
To Charles Whitney for Collecting the two lists of Taxes committed to him to Collect June 30th 1816	243.96
To John Harris for repairing the floor at West School house	2,, 50
To Nathl Weld for Wood dld Mrs Bray	7,, 50
To Watertown Cotton Factory Co to sundrys for Mrs Adams	68.99

signed—— Thos Clark, Wm White, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Capt Charles Stratton Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 1st day of September 1816. They approbated the following persons for Innholders & retailors the ensueing Year

Viz Charles Stratton
Samuel Bellows
Ezra Farrer
Thomas Young
} Innholders

John Clark
Saml Learned
Clinton Thayer
Thadeus Cole
Henry B Jackson
} Retailors

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Charles Stratton on the 24th day of October 1816 They signed an order directing the Town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anex'd their several names (Viz)

To Nathl Goding for the support of his Farther	$45.00
To William Peniman for clothing & support of Newton Baxter Thos Wellington Junr & Nathan Coolidge includeing funeral Expences One year to August 10th 1816 — — —	300.29
To Benjamin Stevens his Acct for Coffins & —* Mrs Hervey & Mrs Adam's Child — — — — — —	12.00
To Walter Hunnewell for Medical Attendence on C Nutting & Miss Berry — — — — — — — —	8.25
To Levi Thaxter for attending Court at the suit Eliza Gardner agst Leonard Harris — — — — —	18,, 22
To Josiah Learned for boarding Benn Learned from Apr 1 1815 to May 17th 1816 Encludeing Clothing for that time — — — — — — — — — —	89.62
To John T Apthorp Treasurer of the Commonwealth the ballance due from Jona Child's List deceased for 1816 — — — — — — — — — —	79,, 21

Editorial Note:—illegible

To Widdow Mary Cunningham in full for the support & funeral Expencies of her Mother Hannah Prentice ——————————— 25,, 00

Signed Thomas Clark, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816 Oct 24th The Selectmen isued the following Warrant (Viz) Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the constables for the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown duly qualified to Vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) all the Male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of One year next preceding haveing a freehold Estate within said town of the anual Income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 4th day of Nov[r] next at one of the Clock P.M. being the first Monday in said Month to give in their Votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex Destrict——Also, you are like required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 4th day of Nov[r] AD 1816, at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles. Viz.——

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2[d] To know if the Town will pay Joseph P Bradley for the Stove & funnell, or either of them which is placed in the Meeting house & act any thing thereon
3[d] To hear the report of the Agent appointed to raise & repair the Brick Schoolhouse in the Middle Destrict, relative to the expence attending the same & Act any thing thereon
4th To hear the report of the committee appointed to repair the great Bridge relative to the expence of the same & make any grants of Money to pay the same & Act any thing thereon

5th To know if the town will take any Measures to defend the town against a Road pray'd for by Ebenr Prebble & others from Trapilo (so calld) to near the house of Amos Livermore lately own'd

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Own'd by Saml White deceased, & act any thing thereon

6th To know what measures the town will take relative to a part of the Bridge over the Creek in front of Danl Jacksons Store & the land adjoining & under the same & Act any thing thereon

7th To know what measures the town will take to open & complete the Road from Ministerial land to the corner of Rufsells Garden & Act any thing thereon.——

Hereof, fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen

Signed—— Thomas Clark, William White, Gilbert Nichols, Moses Chenery } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs Watertown Novr 4th 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as therein directed by posting at the public Meeting house in said town an attested coppy of the within warrant two sundays prior to said meeting

signed——— Saml Learned Constable——

a true coppy

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden on the fourth day of Novr AD 1816 at the public Meeting house in said town. The Selectmen being present & presideing The Votes were call'd for a Representative of the people of this commonwealth in the Middlesex destrict——And were brought in sorted & counted & declared in public town meeting to stand as follows (Viz)

For the Hon Timothy Fuller Forty Votes
For the Hon. Asahel Stearns Thirty six Votes
For the Hon Saml Dana One Vote

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to six o clock this evening for the sole purpose of sealing up the list of Votes for a Representative, then to meet at the house of Charles Stratton Innholder in said Town

Att^{t} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs being duly warned, assembled at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the 4th day of November AD 1816 procee'd as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr for Moderator of said Meeting

2^{d} Voted to choose a committee of five persons to assertain what has been subscribed & to get what they can subscribed for the purpose of payin for the Stove & funnell which is now placed in the Meeting house in said Town

Voted & chose for said Committee
Jonas White
Eliakim Morse
Nathl Bond
Tyler Bigelow
Luke Bemis

3^{d} Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine & settle the Accounts brought against the town by the Agent who was chosen to repair the Brick Schoolhouse in the Middle District in said town

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4th Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine the accounts brought against the town by the committee who was chosen to repair the great Bridge the present year & allow the same if they shou'd Judge them to be reasonable & Just

Voted & chose for said committee { Jonas White / Nath[l] Bright / Nath[l] Weld

Voted to grant a sum of money equal to the state Tax as made the present year & that the Aſseſsors be directed to make & committ the same to the collector to collect as soon as may be for the purpose of defraying the expence of the Bridge the present year

5th Voted that the Selectmen are directed to take measures to oppose the Trapilo Road (so call'd) being made through said town

6th Voted not to accept of the Deed made by Dan[l] Jackson dated the 24th of July AD 1813 purporting to convey to the town a small piece of land near said Jackson's Store in Watertown the same being made without any legal authority from the town

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to contract with said Jackson for the land in front & near said Jacksons Store & receive a Deed of the same at their discretion or execute any release of the right which the town may have by the deed aforesaid

7th Voted that the Selectmen cause the Stones to be collected for the purpose of fenceing the Road through the land of Jonas White, from the Great Road in front of the cotton Factory to the Watering place.——Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Nov[r] 4th 1816 Agreeable to adjournment this day the Inhabitants mett at the house of Charles Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the list of Votes for a Representative to Congreſs & the Selectmen in presence of the Inhabitants aforesaid in open town Meeting did seal up the list of Votes as given in this day for said Representative

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown at the house of Charles Stratton Innholder in said town on the 19th day of Novr AD 1816, They appointed the following persons as surveyors of Wood & Bark the ensueing year

Viz { Isaac Dana } sworn Jany—1817——
{ George Coolidge } sworn Decr 7th 1816——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 December 2d the Selectmen isued the following (Viz)

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown.—— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & warn, by giveing personal Notice or leave verbal information at the dwellings of all the freeholders & other Inhabitants in said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the ninth day of December Inst, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)——

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To hear the report of Jonas White & others a committee appointed to examine & adjust the Accounts of the committee appointed to repair the Great Bridge the present year And act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this second day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen.——

signed—— { Thomas Clark, Danl Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Decr 6th 1816 pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as therein expres'd by giveing verbal Notice four days before the time appointed

in said Warrant to Meet at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose therein expres'd

Signed. Sam[l] Learned Constable

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At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in town affairs being duly warn'd, aſsembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Ninth day of December AD 1816—proceeded as follows (Viz)———

1st Voted, & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said Meeting

2[d] The committee that was chosen the 4th day of Nov[r] last (Viz) Jonas White Nath[l] Weld & Nath[l] Bright) to examine the Accounts brought against the town for the repairs of the Great Bridge the present year. Reported, verbally, that they had given Notice to the Committee that was chosen to repair said Bridge to present their Accounts for adjustment but the said Committee had refused to do the same——

Voted. to add four persons to said examineing Committee

Voted, & chose to add to said Committee { John Clark, Peter Clark, Charles Whitney, Moses Coolidge

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the Bills for repairing the Great Bridge the present year; whenever they come before them Certified by the examineing Committee above mentioned——

Voted, to reconsider the above Vote & the Vote pas'd the 4th Nov[r] last as it respects the Bridge Accounts so far, as that the examineing Committee above Mentioned shall call upon the repairing Committee to present their own private accounts for their own servicies in repairing the Bridge to the said examineing Committee for them to allow in whole or part as they shall Judge reasonable & Just——And, all other Accounts for work & Materials on said Bridge shall be presented to the Selectmen & they shall draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the same if they shall come certified by said repairing Committee——Voted to dissolve this Meeting—which was accordingly declared dissolv'd———

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Capt Charles Stratton January 6th 1817. They signed an order directing the Town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

To William Peniman for the support of John Remington one year to Octr 4th 1816 — — — —	$59.91
To Charles Guild for Lumber for Bridge — —	18.72
To S & D Learned for Lead for ditto — — —	2.00
To Henry Craft for Stones Labour &C for do —	88.90
To Benjamin Jenison for Labour at ditto — —	29.00
To Israel Whitney for Teaming &C for do — —	29.25
To Enos Blake for Timber &C for ditto — — —	2.82
To Thadeus Cole for Lead & Sundry for do — —	13.88
To Nathl R Whitney for Carting Lumber for do	10.50
To Jacob Easty* for Labour on ditto — — — —	14.25
To Joel Smith for Lumber for do — — — — —	60.25
To Chester Marcy for Labour for ditto — — —	8.00
To Darius Marcy for ditto on do — — — — —	8.00
To Josiah Mason & Son for Lumber for ditto —	266.59
To Nathl Harrington for Carting Stones for do	34.50
To Farwell Eager for Labour on ditto — — — —	36.83
To Jackson & Lincoln for Lumber for ditto — —	45.25
To Willett & Bullard for Lumber for fdo— — —	33.33
To Amasa Jackson do for ditto — — — — — —	2,, 75
To Martin Wilder for Iron Work for ditto — —	21,, 41
To Caleb Lincoln for Labour &C for ditto — —	271. 2
To Elijah Ray for Labour on ditto — — — — —	1,, 00
To Zebediah Bradford for boarding workman and Labour at ditto — — —	27.60
To Wm Bradford Acct for Nails for ditto — — —	4,, 49
To James Robbins for Carting Gravell for do —	16,, 33
To Saml Bird for smith work for do — — — —	14,, 53
To Ezra Farrer for Labour on ditto — — — —	4,, 50
To Edward Lowd for repairing old Bridge — —	5,, 50
To Francis Wyman for Iron for Bridge — — —	,, 17

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To Jerom Hersey for setting Glass &C — — —	$4,, 70
To Nathl R Whitney for servicies renderd in the Action Town Vs. White — —	16.00

*Editorial Note:—possibly Early

To Nath[l] R Whitney for Labour & team in removeing Wall on the Ministerial Land — — —	30.61
To John Fowle for Labour & team for removeing stones on Ministerial Land —	28.11
To Isaac Patten for servicies render'd in Action Town Vs. White — — — —	14.00
To Town of Cambridge for boardingJe[r] Meacham & Andrew White in Goal* — — —	13.51
To Enos Blake his Acc[t] for Lumber & repairs on West Schoolhouse — —	8.63
John Tucker for repairing herse Harnefs & for cash p[d] Isaac Dana for repairing Brick Schoolhouse — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4.00
To Nath[l] Woodard for takeing care of the Stove & building fires in the same through the Winter 1815 & 1816 — — —	10.00
To Adam Brown for building 12 Rods of Wall in the high Way near the West Schoolhouse — —	7.00
To Caty Hay for boarding Nath[l] Harris from Jun 3 1816 to Jan[y] 14th 1817 & in full for takeing care of the poor house &C to the same date — —	32.00
To Sam[l] Latch for boarding Robert Saunders from Jan[y] 1st 1816 To Jan[y] 1st 1817 & for boarding Tho[s] Wellington from May 29th 1816 to Jan[y] 1st 1817 & for boarding Benjamin Learned from Nov[r] 20th to Jan[y] 1st 1817 — — — — — — — —	121.92
To Edmund Fowle in full for the ballance due him for defraying the Expencies of the Law Suit Town Vs. Jonas White — —	70.99
To Gilbert Nichols in full for Materials Labour & servicies of sundry persons employed by him for building a second Story on the Middle District Schoolhouse includeing Stove Chair &C for same	749.27
To John Clark &C for sundry Articles &C dld the Poor from April 6th 1816 To July 18th 1816 — —	27.98

Editorial Note:—probably meant Gaol

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To Benjamin Stevens his acc[t] for a Coffin for John Cook —— 4,, 00

To Nath[l] R Whitney in full for repairing and Material for the same —— 10.69

To David Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from Jan[y] 1st 1816 to Jun 27 1816 & for clothing supply'd her to the same time ——— 46.43

To David Hager for carting Rails & setting fence at M[r] Eliots on his Garden ——————— 3.75

Signed Tho[s] Clark, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held on the 10th day of March AD 1817 They signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)

To Caleb Lincoln his Acc[t] for Journey to Boston to pick Lumber for Bridge 1815 — 2,, 00

To Gilbert Nichols his Acc[t] for Sundrys supplied George Bone & James Clark——(state poor) — 7,, 66

To Sam[l] Hyde for support of Jn[o] Nutting —— 86,, 60

To Jo[s] Bird for repairing Town Plow ——— 3,, 00

To Martin Wilder's Acc[t] for repairing stove for Middle Schoolhouse ——————— 1,, 50

To Leonard Harris his Acc[t] for repairing Hooks and ladders for Engine ———— 16,, 51

To town of East Sudbury for support Elisha Whitney's 2 Children from April 11th 1816 To July 11th ———— 13,, 00

To Nath[l] Woodard his Acc[t] for attending Funeral of John Cook ——————— 3,, 50

To Ezra Farrar for entertaining fish Agents when leaseing the Fishery ——————— 3,, 00

To Town of East Sudbury for supporting Elisha Whitney's Children from July 11th 1816 To J[y] 11th 1817 ———— 26,, 00

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To Doct[r] Nath[l] Bemis for Medecine and Attendence on the poor to date — — — — —	$16,, 50
To Thayer & Minot for Sundry's dld George Hervey George Bone, W[m] White 2[d] & M[rs] Clark	34.74
To Elisha Whitney his Acc[t] for Mason Work at West Schoolhouse — — — —	6,, 00
To Dan[l] Bond for Sundrys supply'd the poor & Wood for Meeting house — —	50,, 61
To Abijah White for Sundry's supply'd Moses Warren — — — —	12,, 98
To Stephen Cook in full for one years Rent to March 1st 1817 — — — — —	25,, 00
To Jonas White for Journey to Westminster —	7,, 00
To Nath[l] Woodard for his Acc[t] for atten'g funeral of Israel Cook & cleaning house &C — — —	15,, 00
To John Harris his Acc[t] for Bridge & poor house	11,, 13
To Caty Hay for takeing care of the poor house & boarding the poor in her care to March 17th 1817 — —	21,, 00
To Josiah Learned for boarding & clothing Benjamin Learned from June 21st 1816 to Nov[r] 18th 1816 — —	40.00
To Josiah Learnd for attending Court on fish cause — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 73
To Charles Stratton for entertainment for Selectmen Afsefsors Road committee farming Taxes renting towns property from March 1816 To March 15th 1817 — — —	43.23
To William Peniman in part pay for the support of the Poor from Aug[t] 10 1816 to August 10th 1817	160.00

Signed—— Thomas Clark, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1817 March 3d The Selectmen isued the following Warrant

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventeenth day of March Inst at ten of the clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.——
2d To choose all town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually
3d To choose a sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his servicies——
4th To determine whether swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
5th To agree what School shall be kept the ensueing year & grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon
6th To grant Money to open, make, & repair the Highway & Act any thing thereon
7th To hear the Accounts of those persons who the town are indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same & Act any thing thereon
8th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon
9th To know what method the town will take to suport their poor & grant money for the same and Act any thing thereon
10th To know the minds of the town whether they will build a new engine house & make the neſseſsary repairs to the Engine & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon

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11th To hear the proposals of the committee appointed by the subscribers of the new Engine & Act any thing thereon——
12th To know if the Town will grant money for contingent expencies and act any thing thereon
13th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & Act any thing thereon
14 To know if the town will take any different Measure to collect their Taxes in future and Act any thing thereon

15th To know what method the town will take to inclose their burying ground & Act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this third day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Signed Thomas Clark, Dan[l] Bond, Gilbert Nichols } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 17th 1817

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof—Signed Samuel Learned Constable

A true copy

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

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March 17th 1817

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the freeholders & other inhabitants aſsembled March 17th 1817 & proceeded as follows Viz.

1st Voted & Chose Moses Coolidge Esq[r] for Moderator

2d Voted & Chose Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Moses Coolidge Esq[r] Moderator—

Voted & chose Abijah White Treasurer (excused)

Voted & chose for Selectmen— Nath[l] R Whitney, Luke Bemis, Amos Livermore Jun[r], Marshall B. Spring, Jonathan Stone

Voted & chose for Afsefsors— {Nath[l] R Whitney, Seth Bemis, Elisha Livermore}

Voted to adjourn the meeting to 3 O'clock this afternoon—

Agreeable to the above adjournment the inhabitants being afsembled the meeting was declared open & proceeded as follows——Viz

Voted & chose for Constables— {Richard Sanger, Elisha Livermore}

Voted to excuse Elisha Livermore from serving as Constable & Samuel Learned was chosen in his stead

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers— {Adam Brown, Samuel Learned, Elisha Livermore, Nath[l] Bright}

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Voted & chose for Tythingmen {Thomas Learned, Martin Wilder, Moses Coolidge, Eliakim Morse}

Voted & chose for Clerks of Market {Charles Patten, Thaddeus Cole}

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways {Enos Blake, Seth Bemis, Thomas Learned, Moses Chenery, John H Clark, Charles Whitney (Excused), Francis Bright}

Voted & chose for Field Drivers— {Francis Brown, John Stimpson Jun[r], Enos Blake, Will[m] M. Pomroy, Eliakim Morse, Christopher Grant Jun[r]}

Voted & chose for Hog-reeves
- Samuel Learned
- Marshall B. Spring
- Henry B. Jackson
- Daniel Tower
- Francis Brown
- Marshall S. Fowle
- Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
- Sam[l] Somes
- William Vose
- Edward Lowd 2[d]
- Samuel Barnard
- Adams Goodnow
- Leonard Fuller
- John H. Clark
- Lewis Upham

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber
- Enos Blake
- Caleb Lincoln
- Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Isaac Dana
- Will[m] Horn

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Nathaniel Bemis
- John Fowle (excused)
- Amos Bond (excused)
- Nathaniel Weld (excused)
- Luke Bemis
- Adam Brown
- Moses Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- John Clark
- Eliakim Morse
- John Hunting

The thanks of the town was voted to John Fowle, Amos Bond & Nath[l] Weld for their faithful services as Firewards——

Voted & chose for Fish Committee
- Josiah Coolidge
- Nath[l] Weld (excused)
- Will[m] M. Pomroy
- Edward Lowd
- Gilbert Nichols
- Daniel Bond

3d Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton & agree with him for his services——

4th Voted that neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year——

5th Voted to postpone the grant of all monies for Schools & other purposes to the adjournment of this meeting

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And in the mean time to refer the same to the following Committee, who are also to make an estimate of what grants are necefsary the ensuing year and report at the adjournment of this meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow, Nath[l] Bemis, Abijah White, Luke Bemis, Jonas White, Elisha Livermore, Thomas Clark

6th Voted to refer this article (relative to repairing the Highways) to the foregoing Committee——

7th Voted that the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted be postponed to April meeting & in the mean time the article be refered to the foregoing Committee——

Voted to reconsider the last vote so far as to allow the following accounts & grant Money to pay the same viz.

Gilbert Nichols for services as Afsefsor, Town Clerk &c. (the year past ——————)	$63,, —
Abijah White for services as Treasurer (the year past ——————————————)	50,, —
Charles Whitney for services as Afsefsor (the year past ——————————————)	9,, —
Samuel Learned for services as Constable &c. —	13,, —

8th Voted to refer this article (relative to the report of Committees) to the foregoing Committee——

9th Voted to refer this article (relative to granting money for the poor) to the foregoing Committee——

10th Voted that the Director of the Engine be authorized to have the old Engine put in complete repair——

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11th Voted to refer this article (relative to the Subscribers of the new Engine) to the foregoing Committee & to make report at April meeting——

12th Voted to refer this article (relative to granting Money for contingent expences) to the foregoing Committee

13th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town the result of which is——

Abijah White as Treasurer is charg'd the sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8987,, 57
& is credited——the sum of — — — — —	8933,, 45
leaving a balance in the Treasury as will appear on file——the sum of — — — — —	$54,, 12

Voted that the thanks of the town be presented to Abijah White for his faithful & impartial services as Treasurer——

Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Treasurer (in room of Abijah White who declined serving)——

15th A Committee was chosen to asertain what repairs are necesary for the Burying ground

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] R Whitney, Charles Whitney, Adam Brown }

Voted to postpone the choice of Collectors to the adjournment of this meeting Art. 14th

Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Constable to serve in the room of Richard Sanger——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next then to meet at this place at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Nath[l] R. Whitney Junr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting March 17th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton innholder in said town on the evening of March 17th 1817——

The Hay Scales being put up to the highest bidder for one year from the first day of April 1817——
were Struck off to John Stimpson Junr for —— $36,, 50

Also the Wharf in Cambridge was put up & sold to Daniel Sanger for ———————————— $1,, —

Appointed for Measurers of Wood

Thaddeus Cole
Edward Lowd

Samuel Learned was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

Oaths}

The following persons appeared & took the Oaths of their respective offices, viz.——

Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer, Nathl R Whitney, Luke Bemis, Amos Livermore Junr Marshall B. Spring, & Jonathan Stone as Selectmen, Samuel Learned & Thaddeus Cole as Constables, Adam Brown, Samuel Learned, & Nathl Bright as Fence viewers, Enos Blake & John H. Clark as Surveyors of Highways, Fran^{s} Brown John Stimpson Junr & Eliakim Morse as Feild Drivers, Samuel Learned, Marshall B. Spring, Henry B. Jackson Francis Brown, Marshall S Fowle & John H. Clark as Hogreeves, Enos Blake & Isaac Dana as Surveyors of Lumber, Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves, Thaddeus Cole as Measurer of Wood & Samuel Learned as Sealer of Weights & Measures

before Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

March 21st 1817 Edward Lowd appeared & took the Oath as Measurer of Wood before Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

March 24th 1817 Nathl R Whitney & Elisha Livermore appeared & took the Oaths as Aſſeſsors, Nathl Weld Junr as Hogreeve, & Caleb Lincoln as Surveyor of Lumber—— before

Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting March 24th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton innholder in said town March 24th 1817 the buſineſs proceeded as follows viz.

They agreed with Josiah Bright to keep David Barnard for the term of one year from the first day of April next & said Bright to furnish him with suitable Clothing during that time which said Bright is to receive Twenty five dollars therefor.———

Isaac Dana was appointed Surveyor of Wood & Bark for the year ensuing & was sworn into said office
by Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

Attest. Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

At the above meeting the Selectmen iſsued the following warrant

Warrant for April Meeting

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown———— Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age, and upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Also you are alike required, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting-house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three

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Of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer

Also you are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public meeting-house, in said town on said seventh day of April next at four oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2d To know if the town will paint & repair the Meeting-house & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will take any further measures to defend the road petitioned for by Ebenezer Preble Esqr & others & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings——

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Nathl R Whitney
Luke Bemis
Jona Stone
Amos Livermore Junr
Marshall B. Spring
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs. April 7th 1817 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the times and places, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting at the public meeting-house in said town an attested copy of the within two Sundays prior to said meetings Signed

Samuel Learned Constable

March 28th 1817 Seth Bemis appeared & took the oath of Aſseſsor

before Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

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April Meeting for Govr &c

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors assembled April 7th 1817 & gave in their votes as follows, viz.

For Governor

His Exey John Brooks One hundred & thirteen votes
Genl Henry Dearborn One hundred & fifteen votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Phillips One hundred & Eleven votes
Hon. William King One hundred & fifteen votes
John Clark——One vote——

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Asahel Stearns One hundred & ten votes
Joseph Locke Esqr One hundred & ten votes
Saml P. P. Fay Esqr One hundred & ten votes
Hon Joseph B. Varnum One hundred & nineteen
Hon. Samuel Dana One hundred & nineteen
Hon. John Hart One hundred & nineteen

It was voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton at 6 Oclock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators & Counsellors——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

Meeting for County Treasurer

Agreeable to the Warrant notifying the inhabitants to give in their votes for a County Treasurer the meeting was declared open; they proceeded as follows——

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2d Votes for County Treasurer being given in, were as follows, viz.

For John Keyes Esqr Ninety six votes
Abiel Heywood Esqr Eighty two votes

Attest Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

Also, Agreeable to the Warrant notifying the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to aſsemble for the purposes set forth in the warrant being aſsembled they proceeded as follows——viz.—

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1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2d Voted to postpone the article for painting & repairing the Meeting house to May meeting day——

3d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to defend the road petitioned for by Ebenezer Preble & others——

Voted that said Committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars for expences in defending the same

The Meeting was then adjourned to May meeting day then to meet at this place at 4 Oclock in the afternoon——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting 1817

The adjournment of March meeting was then declared open—

Moses Coolidge Esqr presiding as Moderator the following votes paſsed, viz.

Voted & chose for Overseers of the poor— Jonas White, Peter Clark, Levi Thaxter

Voted & chose for Pound keeper— William Ruſsell

The report of the Committee who were chosen to make an estimate of what grants are neceſsary the ensuing year was read, & refered to the next meeting except the sum reported for Highways which is the same as last year——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at 2 Oclock in the afternoon then to meet at this place—

Attest Nathl R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the qualified voters for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Counsellors held at the house of Charles Stratton the votes were accordingly sealed up——April 7th 1817

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting April 7th 1817

A meeting of the Selectmen being held at the house of Charles Stratton April 7th 1817, the Pews belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th of April Inst for one year to the highest bidder & were struck of viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called) to Amos Wheeler for ———————————	$16,, 50
The East long Pew " " to Constantine V. Swan for ———————————	9,, —
The West long Pew " " to Cha[s] Stratton for ———————————	8,, 50

The following persons were appointed weighers of Beef for the ensuing year agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth pafsed Feb[y] 1816 viz.

Weighers of Beef { Thomas Gookin, Amos Livermore Jun[r], James Robbins

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

1817 Apr[l] 7th

Thomas Gookin & James Robbins were sworn into the Offices of Weighers of Beef & Lewis Upham sworn to the office of Hogreeve

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting

At an adjournment of March meeting from April 7th 1817 the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting house April 14th 1817 & proceeded as follows——
Moses Coolidge Esqr presiding as moderator

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The Committee for estimating grants made their report (as on file) & the town proceeded to act on the same in connection with the warrant by articles as follows, viz.

Art. 5th Voted that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be raised for the support of Schools the ensuing year instead of eleven hundred dollars as reported by said Committee & that the same be divided among the districts in the same proportions as last year——

Art. 6th In addition to the proceedings of the last Meeting upon this article, the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars was voted to be raised for the purchase of Stones & Materials for making the new road through land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle——

Art. 7th Voted also to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same——

1st Voted to grant the sum of two hundred & twenty dollars, the same being necessary to pay outstanding debts of the town agreeable to the report of said Committee.

2d	Thomas Clark for sundry services rendered the town ———————————————	$64,, 16
	Moses Chenery for services in defending the road petitioned for by Luke & Seth Bemis ———	6,, —
	Daniel Bond for the same ———————	4,, —
	Voted to refer the account of Amasa Jackson to the Fish agents for the time being —————	

Art. 8th The Committee for ascertaining what repairs are necessary to make to the burying ground made their report, which was accepted & is as follows.

To the Inhabitants of Watertown in Town meeting assembled——

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the inhabitants of the town of Watertown, at a public

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Town meeting held on the seventeenth of March AD 1817 to ascertain what repairs are neceſsary to make at the Burying-ground, have attended that service & beg leave to report, that in our opinion it will be expedient to enclose the same, as follows, viz. Beginning at the Southwardly end of the present fence, leading from the Town's pound, & running Southwardly a straight line to the Northwestwardly corner of the Porch of the Meeting house, and the owners of Stable, lots & Stables on said range, shall have a right to build & remove their Stables in front of their several lots on said line which will be sufficient for nine lots, of twelve feet wide, & not exceed eighteen feet deep, on which there are five Stables now standing, so as to leave twenty one feet from said Northwestwardly corner of the Porch for a fence (on which no Stable shall be built); thence beginning at the Northwardly corner of the East porch of said meeting house, & running Eastwardly twenty one feet to be fenced, ten feet of which is to be the Gate, & have no Stable built thereon, thence continuing Eastwardly a straight line ninety six feet, on which there will be eight Stable lots, each of twelve feet wide & eighteen feet deep, and the owners of the several lots on said range shall have a right to build Stables in front of their several lots, on said line of the dimensions aforesaid, thence turning a little Northwardly & running a straight line to land of the Widow Lois Robbins's dower, twenty feet South from the Brick wall adjoining the range of Tombs; on the line last mentioned, there may be seven lots of twelve feet wide, & not to exceed eighteen feet deep so as to leave a space of two feet between the Brick wall & said lots; and as the seven last mentioned lots were never laid out as such; we recommend to the town the sale of them for the accommodation of the Inhabitants

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To build Stables thereon, & the proceeds arising therefrom, be applied in future, to keep the Burying ground fence in repair, & that a Committee be appointed to carry the same into effect———

All which is submitted by Nath[l] R Whitney
Charles Whitney
Adam Brown

Watertown April 7th 1817

Voted that a Committee be chosen to carry the same into effect, & the same Committee were chosen for that purpose———

The Agents for prosecuting the action against Jonas White for the rent of the Fishery in 1811 made their report which was ordered to be placed on file———
The Committee who were chosen to repair the great Bridge made their report (as on file) Whereupon the town voted to pay the accounts of said Committee viz.

Adam Brown for services rendered & Materials supplied for said Bridge ————————	93,, 45
Nath[l] Bemis for the same ————————	57,, 53
John Fowle for the same ————————	118,, 54

Art. 9th Voted to grant the sum of fourteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year——
Voted that the Selectmen together with the overseers of the poor shall determine in what manner the poor shall be supported the ensuing year——

Art. 10th Voted to build a new Engine house or houses, & to grant the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars for that purpose & that the same shall be built in such place & manner as the town shall direct——
Also the sum of seventy five dollars was granted to repair the old engine——

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Voted, that the Committee who are hereafter to be chosen to repair the meeting house, shall be the Committee to build the Engine house, or houses——

Voted that a Committee be chosen to examine & report at the next meeting, the most suitable place or places on which to build the Engine house or houses

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Bemis, Abijah White, Gilbert Nichols }

Art. 11th Voted that the town will accept of the new Engine according to the proposals of the Committee of the Subscribers therefor——which are as follows viz.

We the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the proprietors of the new Engine called the Relief are authoriz'd by said proprietors to present to the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown for their use & benifit, said Engine together with the Buckets & apparatus belonging to the same in good order, on condition that the said Inhabitants shall as soon as may be provide a suitable house & keep the Engine &c. in complete repair, & appoint, and constantly keep a suitable number of Men to take care of & Man the same———

Watertown March 17th 1817

Isaac Patten
Gilbert Nichols
Nathl Bemis Junr
} Committee in behalf of the proprietors of the new Engine call'd the Relief

Art. 12th Voted to grant the sum of three hundred dollars for contingent expences———

Art. 14th Voted to farm out the Taxes in the usual way

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Art. 15th Voted to grant fifty dollars for the repairs of the burying ground & for making & setting a new gate at the lower burying ground, to be laid out under the direction of the Committee who were chosen to aſsertain what repairs were neceſsary———

Voted That the Stables which, (according to the report of the Committee for aſsertaining the burying ground repairs) are to be removed, shall be done at the expence of the town in case the owners thereof neglect or refuse to remove them———

Voted to grant the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expences already incurred & which may hereafter arise in defending the town against the road prayed for by Ebenezer Preble & others——

The Town unanimously passed the following vote, which is hereafter to be considered a standing rule & order of the town never to be neglected. viz.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Selectmen for the time being, annually hereafter, at the annual town meeting in March & previous to any grant of money whatever, to make an estimate of all & every grant of money, which may in their opinion be neceſsary, for the town to make for the expenditures for the year then next ensuing—& lay the same before the town for their consideration

Francis Bright was excused from serving as Surveyor of Highways

Voted & chose in his stead Israel Whitney

Then Voted——To adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton at half past eight Oclock this evening for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes & choosing Collectors

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the inhabitants being aſsembled proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted, To farm out the collection of taxes for the ensuing year on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector & being put up were struck off to——

Charles Whitney for two cents on a dollar

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector for the ensuing year——

Voted, that this meeting be diſsolved

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Apr[l] 14th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 14th 1817 Richard Sanger was appointed Sexton for the year ensuing & to be paid the same for his services as the Sexton received the last year

(except for making & taking care of Fires in the Stove, which is to be twenty five Cents for each day——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Apr[l] 18th 1817

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 18th 1817—The following accounts were allow'd & signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same—

To Nath[l] R Whitney for Cash p[d] expences of witnesses at the Court of Sessions at Concord to oppose the road petitioned for by Ebenezer Preble & others ———————————	$7,, 12
To Nath[l] Bemis Jun[r] for Medical attendance on the Widow Harvey in her last sickness ———	2,, —

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 21st 1817—They issued the following Warrant——

Middlesex ss. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown———————— Greeting——

Warrant for May Meeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male inhabitants, of said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at two Oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next———

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at three oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——

2d To know if the town will rescind their vote paſsed at the last May meeting whereby their sanction was given to whatsoever the Aſseſsors & Selectmen might thereafter do in abating the taxes of individuals & act any thing thereon—

3d To know if the town will take any measures to provide a supply for the desk during the Revd Richd R. Eliots

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Weak state of health & act any thing thereon——

4th To know if the town will grant Jacob Farrar any further compensation for the support of Benjamin Whitney & act any thing thereon——

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings———

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty first day of April AD, One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Nathl R Whitney
Luke Bemis
Jona Stone
Amos Livermore Jr
Marshall B Spring
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. May 5th 1817 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the times and places and for the puposes within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of the within at the public meeting-house two Sundays prior to said Meetings

Samuel Learned Constable

May Meeting 1817

Pursuant to foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in the choice of Representative aſsembled May 5th 1817. The meeting being opened It was voted to send one Representative to General Court.
The votes brought in were as follows.

For Thomas Clark Esqr Eighty three votes
Marshall B. Spring Esqr Eighty votes
Nath[l] Bemis Esqr Seven votes

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Nath[l] R Whitney Esqr Two votes
Adam Brown ——— One vote
Will[m] White ——— One
Jonas White Junr —— One
Abijah White ——— One

There being no choice it was voted, to reconsider the former vote & not send any Representative——
Voted that this meeting be diſsolved

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Junr Town Clerk

The May meeting was opened & agreeable to the Warrant proceeded as follows——

Art. 1st Voted & chose Moses Coolidge Esqr Moderator

Art. 2d Voted to dismiſs this article (see Warrant)——

Art. 3d Voted that the sum of Two hundred dollars be aſseſsed in addition to the Ministers tax for the supply of the Pulpit during Mr Eliots ill state of health & to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen provided it be needed———

4th Voted that the article relative to Jacob Farrar be dismiſsed.

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Adjournment of April Meeting

An adjournment of April meeting was opened.
Thomas Clark Esqr presided as Moderator.

The 3d Article was acted on as follows.——
Voted, To grant Five hundred dollars to Paint & repair the Meeting house——
Voted to have a Committee to carry the same into effect

Voted & chose for said Committee { Jonas White, Nath[l] Weld, Nath[l] Bright

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The following report was read & ordered to be placed on file which is as follows——

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund agreeable to the provisions of the act of incorporation present to the town the following statement of their doings the last year and the existing state of their Funds

Since the last annual Statement, the Trustees have made sale of one lot of land containing about three quarters of an acre to Leonard Harris for the sum of Four hundred & fifty dollars which has been on interest since April 1st 1816

The income due the first of April 1816 has been collected amounting to the Sum of $305,,28—& paid into the Treasury of the Town

The funds of the Corporation at this time is in Money at interest, and amounts to the sum of $2750,,50 and is in the hands of the following persons viz.

Isaac Patten	450,, —
John Fowle & Nath[l] R Whitney	225,, 50
Jeſse Smith	150,, —
Martin Wilder	300,, —
Jon[a] Wyeth (secured by Mortgage)	300,, —
Edward Lowd (d°)	325,, —
Cyrus & Joseph Ruſsell (d°)	550,, —
Leonard Harris (d°)	450,,
	$2750,, 50

The interest or income arising from said sum to the 1st of April 1817 amounts to the sum of $165,,03 and the rent of the real estate the last year to the sum of $166,,25 from which is to be deducted the sum of five dollars on account of lands sold to Leonard Harris & one dollar & fifty cents for the record of two deeds which leaves a net amount of

income for the last year of $324,,78 a part of which sum $44,, has already been received & paid to the Treasurer of the town——

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The Trustees further represent that as the Sales of House lots at this time are dull & very uncertain they have considered it of importance to preserve their lands in as good state as posſible for cultivation, but which they beleived could not be easily effected, by letting them in the usual way from year to year——

They have therefore thought best, and have accordingly leased the whole of the real estate for the term of six years for the sum of $153,,00 a year to be improved, according to the rules of good husbandry and reserving the right of selling any part of the same as opportunity may offer—— All which is respectfully submitted. by order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Treasurer—,

The Committee chosen for ascertaining the most suitable place or places on which to build the Engine house or houses made the following report—,

To the inhabitants of Watertown in town meeting aſsembled——

Gentlemen, your Committee raised for the purpose of aſcertaining the most suitable place on which to build an Engine house or houses have attended that service and beg leave to report, that in their opinion it will be most for the safety of the town that there be two Engine houses erected —one on the Mill creek between the Grist Mill and the Hay Scales, and the other as near Strattons Tavern as a place can be procured——All which is respectfully Submitted by

Nath[l] Bemis
Gilbert Nichols } Committee

Voted to accept the foregoing report so far as to build it over the Mill Creek between the Grist mill & Hay Scales provided it can be done with as little expence, as on the spot propos'd near James Robbins's Barn———

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Voted that the Committee for building the Engine house be directed to remove the old Engine house near to Strattons Tavern if a Spot can be reasonably obtained therefor———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens meeting May 5th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden May 5th 1817——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Phinehas Sanderson his acc[t] for Shoes for S. Berry & T. Wellington ———————	3,, 91
To Nath[l] Woodward his acc[t] for care of Meeting house, making Fires &c. for 1816 ——	38,, 62
To John Fowle his acc[t] for services on the Great Bridge in 1816 ————————	42,, 87
To Nath[l] R Whitney his acc[t] for supplies furnished M[rs] Clark, John Welch & George Bourn from March 22[d] to April 7th 1817 ———————	8,, 48
To Caty Hay for Boarding Nath[l] Harris & Frederick Remington from March 17th to May 1st	15,, 31
To the Widow of the late John Cook for expences of journey to Rhode Island ———————	7,, —
To Caleb Dana for rent of Room to M[rs] Clark ———————————————	2,, 50
To Samuel Learned for Cash paid Nine Witnefses their fees for Attending Court 1817 in opposition to road prayed for by E. Preble & others & also for his fees for summoning them —	18,, 49
To Benjamin Holten his acc[t] for house rent for Jonas Learned from March 1st 1816 to March 1st 1817 ———————————————	25,, —

To Samuel Leatch for Boarding Robert Saunders from Jany 1st to May 1st 1817, for boarding Thomas Wellington from Jany 1st to May 1st 1817 & for boarding Benjamin Learned from Jany 1st to May 1st 1817 & for boarding John Sanger 3 Weeks & 4 days to May 1st 1817 — — 72,, —

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The following persons were appointed Engine Men for the year ensuing to the new Engine called the Relief viz

Nathl Weld J^{r}	Thomas Soden
Gilbert Nichols	Caleb Dana
Nathl R Whitney J^{r}	Coolidge P. Wood
James Robbins	Chas H. Chandler
Leonard Harris	George Minot
Joseph Cole	John M. Harris
Elijah Ray	Joshua Ayres
Jerom Hearsy	James Hearsy

Also The following persons were appointed to the old Engine called Engine N° 1——viz.

Elisha W. Dana	Eliphalet Weston
Josiah White	Nathl Bond 2^{d}
John Stimpson J^{r}	Reuben Eaton
Willm Bright	Isaac Sargeant
George Coolidge	John Hoar
Francis Leathe	Otis Curtis
Saml B. Davis	John Harris
Thomas Gookin	Samuel Walker
Abr^{m} Lincoln	Alexander Stewart
Caleb Lincoln	Henry Taylor
Charles Bent	

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting June 2^{d} 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden June 2^{d} 1817——

The following acc^{ts} were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Hannah Davis for boarding & taking care of the Widow Mary White from March 11th 1816 to April 7th 1817 — — — — — — — — — — 55,, 70

To John Clark for supplies to sundry paupers from Sep^{t} 21st 1816 to March 17th 1817 — — — 64,, 84

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To Stephen Longley for boarding Widow Sarah White & nursing her from Decr 8th 1815 to March 12th 1817 Also taking care of Lucy White one year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 116,, 83

To Jon^{a} Stone in full for his premium for collecting the taxes for the year 1816 at 2½ pr. Cent — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 155,, 86

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

June 4th 1817 Moses Chenery, Thomas Learned & Israel Whitney took the oaths as Surveyors of Highways

before Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting July 7th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden July 7th 1817.

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same——viz.

To Saml Gilman for supplying the Pulpit one day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, —

To James Read for his Horse & Chaise to convey the Revd J. S. Popkin to Watertown to Supply the Pulpit July 6th (said Popkin charging nothing more for his services — — — — — — — 1,, 50

To Revd Henry Ware for supplying the Pulpit one day — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, —

To George Stearns for 60 Rails to fence the road on the Ministerial land — — — — — — — — 7,, 50

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r}——Town Clerk

August 1st 1817 Charles Whitney took the oath of Collector before Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Sept. 1st 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Sept 1st 1817——

The following persons were approbated as suitable persons for Innholders & Retailers—

Innholders:
Charles Stratton
Samuel Bellows
Inman Fefsenden
Thomas Young
Jeremiah Fowle

Retailers:
John Clark
Samuel Learned
Daniel Jackson
Sullivan Thayer

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the year ensuing to the Engine called the Relief viz.——

Isaac Rufsell
Benjamin Hoyt

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk—

Selectmens Meeting Oct. 6th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house, of Inman Fefsenden Oct. 6th 1817——

The following accounts & an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same——viz.

To Abijah White for Cash paid for recording David Hagers deed to the Town — — — — — — ,, 75

To Clinton Thayer for goods supplied Mrs Clark from March 27th to April 4th 1817 — — — 5,, 06

To Artemas Ward for journey to Concord & afsistance in opposing the road petitioned for by E. Preble & others — — — — — — — — — — — — 30,, —

To Nath[l] R Whitney for expences for agents & Witnefses at Concord Sep[t] term in opposing said road — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 9,, 54

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To Amos Livermore J[r] for Cash paid Newell Bent for 5960 feet Plank for the Bemis Bridge — 56,, 40

To Isaac Patten for 30 Posts to fence the Ministerial Garden — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, —

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Oct 20th 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Oct 20th 1817

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Benjamin Stevens for making cartridges for Cap[t] Elisha Whitney s Company — — — — — 1,, 50

To George Coolidge for painting 8 guide boards — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, 50

To Nath[l] R Whitney for Sundry Services on Trapilo road & erecting guide Boards &c. — — 16,, 61

To John Keyes County Treasurer for County Tax 1817 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 504,, 93

To Tyler Bigelow for services twice before the Courts Committee & two Courts at Concord in opposition to Trapilo road — — — — — — — 45,, —

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Nov. 3d 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Novr 3d 1817——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Levi Thaxter Esqr for expences paid S. Hoar Esqr for the support of J. F. Meacham in Concord Goal from March 11th to Aprl 10th 1816 — 10,, 64

To Capt Danl Bond for Cash pd W. C. Factory for Shirting dld. Mrs Hay for the poor Feby 8th 1816 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 2,, 78

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Decr 1st 1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Decr 1st 1817

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—— viz.

To Charles Patten for Medicines dld. Cyrus Wilson from Sept 11th to Decr 30th 1816 — — — — 3,, 35

To Jacob Reeves Esqr for attendance 3 days as a Witnefs for the town in opposing Trapilo road — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, —

To Benjn Hartwell for Medicine, & attendance on Widow Sarah White from March 2d to March 18th 1817 — — — — — — — — — — — — 5,, 50

To Levi Thaxter Esqr for services before the Committee for laying out Trapilo road — — — — 15,, —

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Jany 5th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Jany 5th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Leonard Harris for repairing the old Engine ———————————	75,, —
To James Robbins in full for Goods del^{d} by order of Wm White Esqr for John Cooks Funeral ——	3,, 95
To Thomas Heard for support of Elisha Whitneys children from Jany 11th 1817 to Apr^{l} 7th 1817 12⅓ Weeks @ $1,, ℔ Week ———————————	12,, 33
To Isaac Dana in full for labor on the great bridge in Sep^{t} & Oct. 1817 ———————————	2,, 50
To Ezek^{l} Whitney in full of acc^{t} for preparing & setting guide posts & making guide Boards ——	10,, —

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To Samuel Bird in full for Blacksmith work for 1817 ———————————	14,, 16
To Tyler Bigelow balance between the amount charged him for outstanding taxes of Jonathan Child deceased being $185,,72 & the amount rec^{d} of Levi Thaxter as collected of said Child, s bondsmen being $179,,28—viz. ———————	6,, 44
To Charles Whitney in full of balance of County Tax for 1816 paid by him to County Treasurer including interest ———————————	525,, 50
To the town of Boston for the support of Mrs Warren & Martha Dodge from March 1st 1815 to March 1817 ———————————	99,, 40
To David Hager in full for boarding & removing the Widow of John Cook ———————————	21,, —
To Thaddeus Cole for sundries for the funeral palls ———————————	4,, 55

To Moses Coolidge in full for a Plough for the road ——————————————— 14,, —

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Jan[y] 30th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fesenden Jan[y] 30th 1818

They appointed the following persons, agents for leasing the Fishery the ensuing year——

viz. ————Moses Coolidge
Thaddeus Cole —— } Agents

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Feb[y] 2[d] 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of M[rs] Stratton Feb[y] 2[d] 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To William Penniman in full of the balance of his acc[t] for support & supplies to the poor to April 7th 1817 ——————————————— 70,, 87

To Luke Bemis for balance of his acc[t] for labor & materials on Bemis, s Bridge ——————— 11,, —

To Nath[l] R Whitney for Carting Timber &c. for Creek Bridge ——————————————— 14,, 17

To Nath[l] Woodward for setting up Stove &c. — 3,, —

To Will[m] Bradford for Nails &c. ——————— 5,, 06

To Jerom Hearsy for setting Glafs in meeting house & School houses, Oil &c. ——————— 14,, 19

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Febʸ 17th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Mrs Stratton Febʸ 17th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Zacheus Pond in full repairing Plough & Stove 2,, 85

To Thomas Clark for use of Plough & service, on Trapilo road ——————————— 6,, 50

Also, The following Warrant was iſsued—— viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————Greeting.———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other

inhabitants

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Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting-house in said town on Monday the second day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles——viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually——
3d To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services——
4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money for the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant money to open, make, & repair the highways & act any thing thereon——
7th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——

8th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
9th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon——
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon—
11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——

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12th To hear in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
13th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Nath[l] R Whitney
Luke Bemis
Jonathan Stone
Amos Livermore J[r]
Marshall B. Spring
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 2[d] 1818

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the above Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof

(Signed) Samuel Learned Constable

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Feby 25th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Mrs Stratton Feby 25th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Daniel Sanger for Mason work at Burying yard fence ———————————	3,, 50
To Caleb Lincoln for work at Creek bridge & Burying place ———————————	22,, 50
To David Hager for work at Creek bridge ——	5,, —
To Israel Whitney for work at Meeting-house & Creek bridge ———————————	7,, 17
To Thaddeus Cole for Nails & Cash paid I. Fefsenden expences in Sale of Fishery 1818 ——	5,, 66
To Amos Livermore Jr for repairs on East School house & attending Court in opposing Trapilo road	8,, 22
To Richard Sanger for Wood supplied the meeting house ———————————	2,, 78
To Charles Whitney for Work & Materials & bills paid for repairing fence at Burying ground & Creek bridge ———————————	43,, 85
To Edward Lowd for repairing Bridges ———	4,, —
To Jona Stone for services rendered in opposing Trapilo road ———————————	6,, —
To Charles Whitney for Materials, viz. Board, & Paint for burying ground fence ———————	31,, 51
To Inman Fefsenden for entertainment of Selectmen, Committees &c. for 1817 ———————	25,, —

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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March Meeting 1818

Pursuant to the Warrant iſsued by the Selectmen of Watertown Feby 17th 1818, the freeholders & other inhabitants aſsembled March 2^{d} 1818 and proceeded to act on the following articles——viz.

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator——

2^{d} Voted & chose Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk——
(who was sworn into said office by Thom^{s} Clark Esqr

Voted & chose Abijah White Treasurer——

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at this place at three oclock this afternoon

By adjournment the meeting was opened, in the afternoon, when the votes for five Selectmen were called for & being sorted & counted, the Moderator made declaration that there was not a choice——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at One oclock P.M. then to meet at this place———

Agreeably to the adjournment from March 2^{d} the freeholders & other inhabitants aſsembled, Thomas Clark Esqr presideing as Moderator, the following votes paſsed, March 5th 1818

viz.

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Levi Thaxter
- Charles Whitney
- Peter Clark
- Daniel Bond
- Moses Chenery

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
- Thomas Clark
- Abijah White
- Elisha Livermore
- Nathl Bright
- Gilbert Nichols

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Voted & chose for Constables
- Nathaniel Bright
- Abraham Sanger

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers
- Jeremiah Fowle
- William Stone
- Daniel Sanger
- Francis Brown

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- James Dean
- George Coolidge
- Thomas Learned
- Elisha W. Dana

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Thaddeus Cole
- Charles Patten

Voted & chose for Feild drivers
- Francis Brown
- John Stimpson Jr
- Enos Blake
- Wm M. Pomroy
- Christopher Grant Jr
- Joseph Bird
- John H. Clark

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Sullivan Thayer
- Josiah White
- George Minott
- Phinehas Learned
- Willm Alden
- Stillman Corey
- Asa Davis
- Jonathan Whitney Jr
- Benjamin Hoyt
- Collins Thayer
- Phinehas Harrington

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Hogreeves (continued)
- Miles Sprague, Jr
- Isaac Rufsell
- Caleb Lincoln
- Frans Leathe
- Elisha Stratton
- Charles Patten
- Henry Taylor

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 16th of March instant then to meet at this place at one oclock in the afternoon———

Pursuant to the adjournment from March 5th the inhabitants afsembled & proceeded as follows. March 16th 1818——

viz.

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Enos Blake
- Luke Bemis
- Thomas Learned
- Moses Chenery
- Nath[l] R Whitney
- Nath[l] Bright

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber — Enos Blake, Caleb Lincoln, Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana, Will[m] Horn

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nathaniel Bemis, Luke Bemis, Adam Brown, Moses Coolidge, Elisha Livermore, John Clark, Eliakim Morse, John Hunting

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Voted & chose for Fish Committee — Mark Vose, Nath[l] Stone, Moses Coolidge, Josiah Learned, Abraham Sanger, Will[m] M. Pomroy

Voted & chose for Pound keeper — Jeremiah Rufsell

Voted & chose for Feild drivers in addition to those already chosen — Josiah Learned, William Stone

Nath[l] Bright was excused from serving as an Aſsefsor

Nath[l] Bright was also excused from serving as Constable & Samuel Learned was chosen in his stead——

Jeremiah Fowle was excused from serving as Fence veiwer

Elisha Livermore was excused from serving as an Aſsefsor

Voted to annul the former vote of choosing five Aſsefsors & to have but three, who are already chosen———

Abraham Sanger was excused from serving as Constable & Thaddeus Cole was chosen in his stead——

3[d] Voted to refer the choice of a Sexton to the Selectmen & they to agree with him for his services——

4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year———

The Committee (under Article 8th) for making estimates made a report which is on file——whereupon the following votes paſsed——viz.

5th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the suport of Schools the ensuing year, to be expended in the same proportions as last year———

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6th Voted to grant the same sum for Highways as last year, which is twenty five Cents on every rateable poll & all other estates in proportion———
Voted that the Aſseſsors forthwith make the Highway Tax on the old Valuation, adding such polls as are now liable to be taxed not now on the Valuation & to deliver the same to the Surveyors——

Voted to grant four hundred & twenty five dollars for the purpose of making the road & setting the fence through the Ministerial land & land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle—

Voted & chose a Committee to carry the same into effect. viz. {Charles Whitney / Nath[l] R Whitney / Moses Coolidge

7th Voted to allow the following accounts viz.

To Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] for services as Town Clerk	25,, —
To Nath[l] R Whitney for his services as Aſseſsor —	45,, —
To Elisha Livermore for the same — — — — —	13,, 50
To Seth Bemis——for———same — — — — —	12,, —
To Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer — — — — — —	50,, —

Voted to allow the following account & grant money to pay the same. viz.

To Thomas Learned for services on the Highways 13,, 75

Joshua Coolidges acc[t] was refered to the Overseers of the poor———

Samuel Learneds acc[t] was refered to the Selectmen——

Art. 8th see previous to Article 5th

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9th The Committee who were appointed to repair the meeting house & build Engine houses made a report which will appear on file; & also petitioned the town to direct their Treasurer to pay the Committee the grants of the town for that purpose——whereupon the town voted to accept the same————————————also,

Voted & chose a Committee to examine the accounts of said Committee & report to the town. viz.

Nath[l] R Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Tyler Bigelow
} Committee

Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town which is as follows. viz.

Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer is charged the sum of	9035,, 85
and is credited the sum of — — — — — — — —	8964,, 59
leaving a balance in the Treasury as will appear	$71,, 26

10th Voted & chose a Committee to devise the best method of supporting the poor the ensuing year & report at April meeting——viz.

Moses Coolidge
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark
John Fowle
Nath[l] R Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
Amos Livermore J[r]
Levi Thaxter
Tyler Bigelow
} Committee

Voted to postpone the grant of money for the support of the poor 'till the report of the foregoing Committee———

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Voted & chose a Committee to examine the accounts of the Overseers of the poor & report to the town——

viz.

Nath[l] Bemis
Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R Whitney
} Committee

11th See under Article 9th

12th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way & to postpone the choice of Collector 'till that time——

13th Voted to dismiſs the Article——
Voted to adjourn the meeting to the house of Mrs Stratton at seven oclock this evening for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes & choosing Collector——

The meeting being opened by adjournment at Mrs Strattons March 16th 1818——It was voted to farm out the taxes on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector & being put up, were bought by Samuel Learned for 3⅞ cents on a dollar——

Voted & chose Samuel Learned Collector——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixth day of April next, then to meet at the public meeting house at four oclock in the afternoon——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oaths}

The following persons were sworn to their respective offices March 9th 1818. viz.

Levi Thaxter, Charles Whitney, Peter Clark, Dan[l] Bond & Moses Chenery as Selectmen, Abijah White as Town Treasurer & Aſseſsor——Enos Blake, Daniel Sanger, & Francis Brown as Feild drivers——Francis Brown as Fence Viewer——Caleb Lincoln, Jon[a] Whitney Jr, Sullivan Thayer, Francis Leathe, Josiah White & Elisha Stratton as Hogreeves,

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Thomas Clark & Gilbert Nichols took the Oath of Aſseſsors March 11th 1818

before Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

March 11th 1818

Sam[l] Learned was sworn to the office of Constable by N R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting March 16th 1818 } At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Mrs Stratton March 16th 1818——

Samuel Learned was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing———

Isaac Dana, Thaddeus Cole & George Minott were appointed Measurers of Wood for the year ensuing———

Thomas Gookin, Amos Livermore Jr & James Robbins were appointed weighers of Beef for the year ensuing——

The Pews belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th day of April next for one year to the highest bidder——& were leased as follows——viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called) to William Ellis for — — — — — — — — —	$13,, —
East long Pew to Constantine V Swan for —	7,, —
West long Pew to Elisha Stratton for — —	7,, —
The Hay Scales were put up from the 1st day of April next for one year & were leased to, George Coolidge for — — — — — — — — —	34,, 25
The Wharf in Cambridge was leased to Charles Stone for one year from the 1st day of April next for — — — — —	3,, 50

Also the following Warrant was iſsued——viz.——

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————————————Greeting.

Warrant for Apr[l] Meeting 1818

You are hereby forthwith required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age and upward, having a freehold estate within the

Commonwealth

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Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Also You are alike required to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age and upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to afsemble at the public meeting house in said town on said sixth day of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles ——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen to alter the road leading from the West School house, to Charles river & act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will take any measures to repair Bemis, s Bridge (so called) & act any thing thereon——

4th To know if the town will authorize the several Surveyors of highways, to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of

such

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Such delinquent highway taxes as has been collected from their districts & paid into the Treasury the last year, to be expended by them on the highways & act any thing thereon——

5th To know if the town will take any measures to supply the desk during the weak state of health of the Revd Mr Eliot & act any thing thereon——

6th To know if the town will accept of the Stove & Funnel in the Meeting house & pay the balance now due for the same & act any thing thereon——

7th To know if the town will take any measures to prevent Teams &c. paſsing acroſs the Common in front of the Meeting house & act any thing thereon——

8th To know if the town will take any measures to widen the Treadaway Bridge (so called) & act any thing thereon——

9th To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen——

10th To know if the town will choose a Committee to consider the best & most economical method of supporting their poor & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meetings——Given under our hands & seals this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter
Charles Whitney
Peter Clark
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery— } Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk———

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Middlesex ſs. April 6th 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as within directed & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting

attested copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof——

Samuel Learned Constable——

Oaths}

The following persons were sworn to their respective offices March 16th 1818 viz. Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves, Surveyor of Lumber & Measurer of Wood—— Thaddeus Cole as Constable & Measurer of Wood——

by Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

March 26th 1818 Thomas Learned was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways & Apr[l] 3[d] 1818 George Minot was sworn to the offices of Measurer of Wood & Hogreeve——

by Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

April Meeting 1818

Pursuant to the Warrant iſsued March 16th 1818 notifying the inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Leiu[t] Governor & Senators & Counsellors——They aſsembled April 6th 1818 when the votes being brought in sorted & counted were as follows viz.

For Governor——

His Exec[y] John Brooks had Seventy four votes
Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield had Sixty eight votes

for L[t] Governor

Hon. Will[m] Phillips had Seventy four votes
Hon. Thomas Kittredge had Sixty eight votes
Moses Coolidge Esq[r] had One vote——

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for Senators——

Calvin Sanger had Seventy three votes
Joseph Locke had Seventy three votes
Sam[l] P. P. Fay had Seventy three votes
Joseph B. Varnum had Sixty six votes
John Hart had Sixty six votes
Leonard M. Parker had Sixty seven votes

Samuel Dana had One vote
William Austin had One vote

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Mrs Strattons at six O'clock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the votes for Governor, Leiut Governor &c.———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Meeting for County Treasurer Apr[l] 6th 1818

Agreeably to the Warrant notifying the inhabitants qualified to vote for County Treasurer to meet at 3 oclock being afsembled proceeded as follows——viz.

Art[l] 1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esqr Moderator
2d Votes for County Treasurer being brought in, sorted & counted were for John Keyes forty seven votes
Abiel Heywood fifty six votes

Then voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Meeting for Town Affairs Apr[l] 6th 1818

The meeting was then opened at four Oclock for the purposes set forth in the warrant, when the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being afsembled, they proceeded to act on the following articles——viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esqr Moderator
2d Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen for altering the road from the West School house to Charles river & in future to have it a town road———

Voted to grant one hundred & twenty five dollars for the purpose of making said road & fences——

Voted & chose a Committee to carry the same into effect——viz.

Charles Whitney
Adam Brown
Enos Blake
} Committee

3d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make the neceſsary repairs to Bemis, s Bridge (so called) & also to aſcertain who were the persons that destroyed the Timber &c. belonging to the town & if poſsible to obtain a compensation therefor———

Voted to grant one hundred & fifty dollars for the repairs of said Bridge———

4th Voted to dismiſs this article relative to Highway taxes——

5th Voted to dismiſs this article relative to the supply of the Desk

6th Voted to dismiſs this article relative to the Stove & Funnel in the Meeting house———

7th Voted & chose a Committee to take into consideration this Article (relative to measures for preventing Teams &c. paſsing acroſs the Common in front of the meeting house & report to the town——

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Voted & chose for said Committee— Charles Whitney, Adam Brown, Thomas Clark

8th relative to Treadaway Bridge (so called)
Voted to refer this article to the following Committee & report to the town
Voted & chose for said Committee— Thomas Clark, Nath[l] Bright, Moses Coolidge

9th Voted, That this article (relative to the acceptance of the Juror list) be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting———

10th Voted to dismiſs the article———

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to Mrs Strattons at 7 Oclock this evening———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

the adjournment of March meeting was then opened
Thomas Clark Esqr presiding as Moderator
the following articles were acted on, viz.

Under Article 7th Voted to allow the following account & grant money to pay the same——

To the estate of Charles Stratton deceased for entertainment of the Selectmen — — — — — 33,, 61

Under
Art. 9th The Committee who were chosen to examine the accounts of the Committee appointed to repair the meeting house & build Engine houses, made a report which is on file——

Whereupon the town voted to direct their Treasurer to pay the balance of said account———

The trustees of the Ministerial funds made the following report—

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The trustees of the Watertown Ministerial fund agreeably to the provisions of the act of Incorporation— present to the town the following statement of their doings the last year, and of the existing state of their funds———

Since the last annual Statement no opportunity has offered for the sale of their lands, and of course there is nothing of their doings to communicate———

The Amount of their funds, remain the same as the last year viz. $2750,,50 which is on interest with sufficient security and in the hands of the following persons—viz.—

Isaac Patten — — — — —	$450,, 00
Jona Wyeth — — — — —	300,, —
Leonard Harris — — — —	450,, —
Edwd Lowd — — — — —	325,, —
Martin Wilder — — — —	300,, —
Jeſse Smith — — — — —	150,, —
John Fowle & Nath[l] R Whitney — — —	225,, 50
Cyrus & Jos. Ruſsell — — —	550,, —
	$2750,, 50

The interest or income arising from said sum to the first of April 1818 Amounts to $165,,03 and rents of the real estate the last year to $153,,00 making in all $318,,03 to be paid over to the Treasurer agreeably to the directions of the town——All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Trustees——
Levi Thaxter Treasurer—

Voted that the account of Overseers of the poor be accepted as reported, & the balance in their hands ordered to be forthwith paid into the Treasury—which will appear on file—

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Under Article 10th

The Committee who were appointed to devise the best method of supporting the poor made a report which was ordered to placed on file——

Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year———

Voted to grant two hundred dollars for contingent expences the ensuing year———

Voted (in reference to Article 6th) to grant twenty dollars to be laid on the road under the rocks (so called) under the direction of John H. Clark———

Voted that this meeting be difsolved———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

Adjourned April Meetings Apr[l] 6th 1818

At the adjournment of April Meeting held at M[rs] Strattons the votes for Governor L[t] Governor &c. were sealed up——

The meeting was then difsolved——

Also the adjournment of the remaining part of the Warrant was held at M[rs] Strattons at seven oclock in the evening when the town voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared this day by the Selectmen———

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Apr[l] 6th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at M[rs] Strattons April 6th 1818 They agreed with Josiah Bright to take David Barnard for one year from the 1st day of April 1818

& the town to pay him therefor, the sum of twenty dollars & said Bright to provide him suitable clothing during that time———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

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Nath[l] R Whitney & Moses Chenery were sworn to the offices of Surveyors of Highways & John H. Clark as Feild driver April 6th 1818 by

Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

April 13th 1818 Luke Bemis was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways before Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

Selectmens Meeting April 20th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M[rs] Stratton April 20th 1818

They appointed Benjamin Stevens Sexton for the year ensuing from the 1st day of May 1818 & to pay him for his services as follows. viz.—

For taking care of the meeting house & ringing the Bell thirty dollars.———

For making Fire in the Stove & taking care of the same twenty five cents for each day———

For attending a Funeral with the Hearse, tolling the Bell & digging the Grave for an adult (in the summer season) three dollars & fifty cents——if in Winter four dollars & for chrildren in the same proportion———

Also a reasonable compensation for any other services——

Benjamin F. Farrar & Hezekiah Bacon were appointed Engine men for the Engine called the Releif———

Agreed with Daniel Jackson to take Fred[k] Remington for one year from May 1st 1818 for thirty dollars, said

Jackson to provide him sufficient board & clothing during that time———

Agreed to Let Samuel Letch the poor house, at forty dollars for the year ensuing from April 15th 1818—to board George Bourn & Wife for $1,,50 ℔ week & Robert Saunders & Benjamin Learned at $1,,33 ℔ week from May 1st 1818—

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The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To the town of East Sudbury for the support of an illegitimate child of Elisha Whitney's wife ————————————	22,, 42
To Mr————Tracy for supplying the desk three Sundays & Fast day ————	40,, —
To Jacob Farrar for the support of Benjamin Whitney one year ————————	20,, —
To Revd Noah Worcester for supplying the desk eleven Sundays ————————	110,, —

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Warrant for May Meeting 1818

Also the following Warrant was iſsued. viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown————————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the eleventh day of May next at two oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing

one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened, & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next———

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified

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By law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the eleventh day of May next at three oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——

2d To know if the town will choose a Committee to enquire if there are any privileges that can be purchased advantageous to the Fishery, & give them power to purchase the same if they shall think best & act any thing thereon——

3d To know if the town will appoint a Committee of three persons to meet similar Committees from the towns of Newton & Brighton to arrange, concert and adopt measures for the support of the poor of the respective towns in common——Also to see what instructions & powers shall be given to said Committee & act any thing thereon——

4th To know if the town will purchase a Stove or Stoves for the meeting house & accept of the Funnel & act any thing thereon——

5th To know if the town will direct what number of men shall be appointed to manage the Engines & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings——Given under our hands & seals this twentieth day of April AD one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter
Charles Whitney
Peter Clark
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Apr^{l} 30th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Mr Stratton April 30th 1818——

They agreed with Mark Vose for the support of John Remington for one year from the 30th day of April 1818 for the sum of sixty dollars, said Vose to save the town harmleſs from all other expence on his account———

The following persons were approved as Innholders in this town for the remainder of the year. viz.

Luke Robinson
Amasa Davies——

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

Return of Warrant

The following return was made on the warrant iſsued Apr^{l} 20th 1818—Viz.⸗

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 11th 1818——

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the above warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof———

Signed Samuel Learned Constable——

May Meeting 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives aſsembled May 11th 1818 when the votes for one Representative being called, for were as follows. viz⸗

For Levi Thaxter Esqr Eighty three votes
Marshall B. Spring Esqr thirty nine votes
Nathl R Whitney Esqr one vote——

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For Charles Stone one vote
Isaac Barnard one vote
Elijah Norcroſs—one vote
Luther Barrett one vote
John Clark—one vote

Levi Thaxter Esqr was accordingly declared chosen——

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

May Meeting for town affairs

Agreeably to the Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being aſsembled May 11th 1818— proceeded to act on the following articles. viz.

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator——

2^{d} Voted to choose a Committee to take into consideration what priveleges can be purchased advantageous to the Fishery & report the same——to the town

Voted & chose for said Committee viz. { Tyler Bigelow, Gilbert Nichols, Thomas Clark }

3^{d} Voted to dismiſs this article (relative to the support of the poor——

4th Voted to purchase a Stove or Stoves for the meeting house——

Voted & chose a Committee to purchase the same

viz. { Jonas White, Adam Brown, Charles Whitney } Committee

Voted that the Committee be instructed to purchase two Stoves & to draw money from the Treasury therefor——

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5th Voted that hereafter the Selectmen be instructed not to appoint more than twenty six men to both Engines & to be divided at their discretion——

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what measures are neceſsary to prevent Teams &c. paſsing acroſs the Common, made a report which will appear on file——Whereupon the town voted to accept it, & ordered the same Committee to carry it into effect, & present their account to the Selectmen for payment———

Voted to diſsolve this meeting———

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting June 4th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs Stratton May 23d 1818——the following Warrant was iſsued viz.

Middlesex ſs, To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Thursday the fourth day of June next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will appoint a Committee to prosecute any persons who may have violated the laws respecting the right of taking the Fish called Shad & Alewives

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Within the limits of Watertown & authorize them to settle & adjust the same at their discretion & act any thing thereon———

3d To know if the town will appoint a Committee to call on the agents who sold the right of taking said Fish the present year & enquire how far they pledged the faith of the town in regard to taking the same between the Dams, & to authorize them to take such measures as they shall think best relative thereto & act any thing thereon——

4th To know if the town will give any instructions to the standing Fish Committee relative to any violations of the law paſsed Febry 28th 1814 entitled an act to prevent the destruction of said Fish in Charles river & act any thing thereon———

5th To know if the town will grant monies for the purpose of carrying on any prosecutions relative to the Fishery & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting———

Given under our hands & seals this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen

Levi Thaxter
Charles Whitney
Peter Clark
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oaths

May 25th 1818 Mark Vose, Moses Coolidge & Josiah Learned were sworn to the office of Fish Committee

By Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting June 1st 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Mrs Stratton June 1st 1818———

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—— viz.

To Richard Sanger for his services as Sexton for the year 1817 ending May 1st 1818 — — — —	35,, 50
To Joseph Bright for boarding Jn° Sanger for one year from the 1st of April 1816 — — — —	21,, 25
To Dexter Claflin for Paper delivered Edwd Lowd for Cartridges — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 05
Error—	
To Thomas Heard for sundry supplies for the support of Elisha Whitneys Wife & Chrildren from Decr 1st 1817 to May 1st 1818 being 21 ½ Weeks——————— @$1,, — — — —	21,, 50
To Saml Letch his acct for boarding John Remington, Robt Saunders, Benjamin Learned & George Bourn & Wife from March 2d to May 1st 1818 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	53,, 31
To Samuel Gilman for supplying the desk one day — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
To Nathl Goding his order for the support of his Father one year ending May 9th 1818 — — —	45,, —
To Jacob Farrar in addition to what was allowed him last year for the support of Benjamin Whitney — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —

Mark Vose was approbated as an Innholder for the remainder of the year———

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Return of Warrant

The following return was made on the warrant ifsued May 23d 1818—viz.

Middlesex fs. Watertown June 4th 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town as within

directed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting at the public meeting house in said town an attested copy of the within two Sundays prior to said meeting———

Samuel Learned Constable——

Meeting June 4th 1818

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs aſsembled June 4th 1818 & proceeded to act on the following articles——viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2d & 3d Articles being taken under consideration the town Voted, to refer the same to the Selectmen, for an equitable adjustment with all persons who had violated the same, & also to take into consideration any & all violations of the Fishery within the limits of Watertown as far back as the first of the year 1815——

4th No order was taken thereon——

5th Voted to grant the sum of one hundred dollars to be used by the Fish Committee for carrying on the law suit now commenced by them againt Abijah Ruggles in conformity with the act paſsed Feby. 1814 "entitled an act to prevent the destruction of Fish (called Shad & Alewives) in Charles river" & to draw on the Treasurer for the same as may be wanted for that purpose——

Then voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting July 6th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Mrs Stratton July 6th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed, & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Joseph Bird for new plough & repairing old Plough ——————————— 14,, 08

To Josiah Mason & ſon for plank & Timber for Creek Bridge ——————————— 80,, 79

To Mary Whitney for boarding Widow Mary White from the 2d day of March to July 6th 1818 making 18 Weeks—@ $1,, ℔ Week ——— 18,, —

To Moses Coolidge for monies paid Mr Wm Popkin & Revd Mr Jenks for ſupplying the desk two days ——————————— 8,, 50

To Amasa Jackson for work at the Bridge — 9,, 87

To Stephen Cook for house rent for Mrs Bray from March 1st 1817 to March 1st 1818 ——— 25,, —

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oath}—

July 8th 1818 Samuel Learned was sworn to the office of Collector by

Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Sept 7th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at house of Mrs Stratton Sept 7th 1818——

The following persons were approved as Innholders & Retailers—viz.

Samuel Bellows
Amasa Davies
Jeremiah Fowle
Mark Vose
Luke Robinson
Elisha Stratton
} Innholders

John Clark
Sullivan Thayer
Thaddeus Cole
George Minott
} Retailers

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To the town of Cambridge for supporting Benjamin Gardner in Goal from Augst 5th to Sep^{t} 11th 1817 also Joseph Whitney from Feb^{ry} 18th to March 20th 1818 ——————————— 24,, 30

To Samuel Latch* for board of Robert Saunders, Benjn Learned & George Bourn & Wife from May 1st to Sep^{t} 1st 1818 & for sundry supplies ——————————————— 77,, 31

To Samuel Bird for Iron work on the great Bridge & Bemis, s Bridge ——————— 99,, 35

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

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Warrant for Meeting Sep^{t} 21st 1818

A meeting of the Selectmen was held at the house of Mrs Stratton Sep^{t} 10th 1818——

When the following Warrant was issued—viz.

Middlesex ss. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown————Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon, notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of September instant at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——

viz. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——

*Editorial Note:—Latch and Letch probably identical.

2d To know if the town will choose a Committee to wait on the Revd Mr. Eliot & know if he will settle with the town & relinquish all his engagements as their Minister & authorize them to make such settlement & act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will take any measures to supply the Pulpit, provided a settlement is made with Mr Eliot & grant money for that purpose & act any thing thereon——
4th To hear the statement of John H. Clark respecting the road under the rocks (so called) & grant any further sum of money to repair the same & act any thing thereon———
5th To hear the report of any Committees & act any thing thereon——

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, on or before the time appointed for said meeting———

Given under our hands & seals this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter
Charles Whitney
Peter Clark
Moses Chenery
Daniel Bond
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Return of Warrant

Middlesex ſs. September 21st 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting———

Samuel Learned Constable

Meeting Sept 21st 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled Sept 21st 1818 & acted on the articles as follows——viz.

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator——

2d Voted & chose the following Committee——

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viz.

Jonas White	Committee
Nath[l] Bemis	
Thomas Clark	
John Fowle	
Levi Thaxter	
Paul Learned	
Moses Chenery	
Adam Brown	
Gilbert Nichols	
Amos Livermore Jr	
Nath[l] R Whitney	
Josiah Learned	
John Tucker	

Voted that the foregoing Committee wait on the Revd Mr Eliot to confer with him, & know on what terms he will settle with the town, & report at the adjournment of this meeting———

3d Voted to postpone the article to the adjournment of this meeting——

4th Voted to grant the sum of twenty dollars to be expended by John H Clark on the road under the rocks in addition to the sum granted for that purpose at a former meeting——

5th The Selectmen who were appointed a Committee to adjust all violations of the Fishery within the limits of Watertown made a report which was accepted & ordered to be placed on the files of the town———

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday Oct 5th 1818 then to meet at this place at three oclock in the afternoon

Attst Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Adjourned Meeting Oct. 5th 1818

At the adjournment of the meeting from Sept 21st held Oct[r] 5th 1818———

Thomas Clark Esq[r] presided as Moderator.

The Committee who were chosen to wait on the Rev[d] M[r] Eliot to confer with him &c.——made a report which will appear on file———

No order was taken thereon———

Voted. That the foregoing Committee be discharged——

Art. 3[d] No Order taken thereon———

Art. 5th Voted to accept the report of the Committee who were chosen to make the road from the West School house to Charles river, which will appear on file———

Voted to difsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Oct[r] 5th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M[rs] Stratton October 5th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Mary Jupp for Boarding & nursing Widow Sarah White from March 12th 1817 to August 5th 1818 — — — — — — — — — — — —	84,, 32
To Stephen Longley for Funeral expences of the Widow Sarah White — — — — — — — — — —	7,, —
To Benjamin Hartwell for Medicine & attendance on Widow Sarah White — — — — — —	12,, 25
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren one year Oct[r] 1st 1817 to Oct. 1st 1818 agreeably to contract — — — — — — — — — — —	35,,

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To Lois Curtis for new triming the Pall — 7,, 31

To Thomas Heard for supporting Elisha Whitney's Chrilden from Dec[r] 1st 1817 to Oct 1st 1818 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 35,,

To Sam[l] P. P. Fay for services as advocate before a Committee of the Legislature, to oppose accrofs Charles river at the request of Co's Bond & Wiswall agents — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, —

To Charles Whitney for premium on Collection of Taxes for the year 1817 — — — — — — — 134,, 19

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Oct. 12th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at M[rs] Strattons October 12th 1818——

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing——

Atts[t] Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk

Whereas, a dispute has arisen between Marshall B. Spring of Watertown and Luke Bemis of said town about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands, at the Southwesterly part of Watertown from the County road to Charles river——

We the Subscribers Fence viewers of the town of Watertown being duly chosen & sworn, having on application of the said Marshall B Spring, and after having given due notice to said Luke Bemis, viewed

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The premises and duly considered the matter in dispute have afsigned and do hereby afsign to each of said parties his share of said fence as follows. viz. The said Luke Bemis shall build and keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from

the County road running Southerly Sixty four rods and one half, and the said Marshall B. Spring shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz. From the south end of said Bemis, s line to Charles river being sixty rods & one half———

Given under our hands at said Watertown this third day of October AD 1818———

William Stone }
Francis Brown } Fence Viewers—

Warrant for Meeting Nov. 2d 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs Stratton October 24th 1818—the following warrant was iſsued

viz. Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth—viz. All the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to aſsemble at the public

meeting-house

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Meeting-house in said town on Monday the second day of November next at one Oclock P.M. being the first Monday in said Month, to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middle district——

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by

law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of November next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz.———

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting———
2d To know if the town will take up the report of their Committee, made at an adjourned meeting of the town held on the 5th instant relative to a settlement with their late Pastor, and so far take the subject into consideration as to accept of said report, and order it to be put upon record, and act any thing thereon———
3d To know if the town will allow any accounts that may be presented by the Selectmen and direct the same to be paid out of the Treasury & act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the town will take any measures to supply the Desk in future and act any thing thereon———
5th To know if the town will grant any money to supply the deficiency of the Treasury to meet the expences of the present year & act any thing thereon———
6th To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing thereon——

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7th To know if the town will direct the Selectmen relative to the future disposition of the parsonage place and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings———

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty fourth day of October AD. one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter
Charles Whitney
Peter Clark
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery

} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney J[r] Town Clerk——

Middlesex ss. Watertown November 2d 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town to meet at the times and place within mentioned by posting up At-

tested Copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meetings———

Samuel Learned Constable

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Meeting Nov. 2d 1818

The Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative to Congreſs being aſsembled agreeably to the Warrant November 2d 1818 And the votes given in being sorted & counted were——

For Hon. Timothy Fuller forty five votes
Hon. Samuel P. P. Fay twenty eight votes——

The votes being declared were sealed up in open town meeting

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov. 2d 1818

The Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being aſsembled Novr 2d 1818 agreeably to the Warrant they proceeded to act by Articles relative thereto——viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2d That the town approve of the doings & conduct of their Committee as being correct & strictly comporting with their duty and that their report be accepted & put upon record—

Which report is as follows. viz.——

"The Committee appointed by a vote of the town of Watertown paſsed Sept 21st 1818 to wait on the Revd Richd R Eliot, and to confer with him relative to his relinquishing all his engagements as Minister of said town, have attended to that buſineſs, and now ask leave to report———

That on the 22d Sept they gave notice to Mr Eliot of their appointment, shew him the vote of the town,

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And with his approbation, aſsigned Friday the 25th of Sept as the time for holding a conference with him on the subject.

Your Committee on that day accordingly met & waited on Mr Eliot for the purpose aforesaid——Mr. Eliot observed, that he had obtained a Copy of the vote of the town but that he did not understand thereby what the town wished for,——that he did not know what was meant by a settlement——that he had no settlement to make neither did he wish for any,——that he was satisfied to remain in his present situation,——but that he was ready to receive any propositions the Committee were disposed to make—— and requested that they might be made in writing——Your Committee in reply observed, that they considered the vote of the town to be perfectly plain & intelligable,—— that it expreſsed a wish that he would consent to relinquish all his Pastoral relations with the town, and a desire to know on what terms he would make such relinquishment ——Mr. Eliot then observed if that was the meaning of the vote, he was not prepared to answer——that it was a buſineſs of consequence and that he should wish for Council—— and expreſsed a wish that the Committee would addreſs their inquiries to him in writing, and in more diffuse and explicit terms than was expreſsed by the vote, and that they would allow him as much time to consider of the subject as they could with propriety before the meeting of the town——The Committee in compliance with the request of Mr. Eliot accordingly proposed to

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Him in writing two questions, in the following words and requested an explicit answer to the same——

1st Will you consent to relinquish all your engagements as Minister of the town of Watertown?

2d On what terms will you agree to make such relinquishment——or in other words, what is the lowest sum of money you will accept of from the town as a compensation for such relinquishment, to be paid quarter yearly during your life, in addition to the improvement of the house and land you now occupy? And aſsigned Friday the 2d instant to receive his answer, Your Committee again met on the

2d instant agreeably to appointment, when a communication was made to them in writing from Mr. Eliot in the following words, viz.—

To Jonas White Esquire Chairman, and the other members of the Committee appointed by the town of Watertown on the 21st of Sept 1818 to confer with me relative to a difsolution of my Pastoral relations with said town———

Gentlemen,

To the questions contained in your Communication to me dated 25th Sept 1818—I answer—

That if, as you believe, it is the wish of the town of Watertown, that I should relinquish all my engagements as their Minister, I will consent to do so, on condition that I should continue to receive as a compensation for such relinquishment the full amount of my Salary, to be paid quarter yearly during my life in addition to the improvement of the house and land I now

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Your affectionate Pastor
Richard R Eliot

Watertown 2d Octr 1818——

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee for the consideration of the town——

By order of the Committee

Watertown Oct. 5th 1818——Jonas White Chairman

3d Voted to allow the account presented by Levi Thaxter Esqr for Funeral expences &c. of the Revd Richd R. Eliot & order the Treasurer to pay the same——

4th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure a supply for the Pulpit 'till the further order of the town——

5th Voted that the Afsefsors be directed to afsefs & commit to the Collector the amount of the State tax the present year— & direct the same to be paid into the Treasury——

6th No reports made thereon——

7th Voted that the town give the use of the Parsonage to Mrs Eliot which she now occupies 'till the first of April next

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Nov. 2d 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs Stratton Novr 2d 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To John Clark & Co for sundry supplies & Clothing deld Geo. Bourn & others — — — — — —	41,, 27
To Ezekiel Whitney for work himself & Boy on the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 75
To Caleb & Abraham Lincoln for work on Bemis,s Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	44,, 75
To Joseph Peirce for work on Bemis,s Bridge & the great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
To Coolidge P. Wood for work on the Bridges	16,, —
To Josiah Haskell for work on the Bridges —	18,, 37
To Willm Penniman for boarding Susanna Fowle from March 2d to Oct. 8th 1818 — — — — —	39,, 37
To Samuel Merriam for Boarding & Cloth-ing Nathan Boynton & Abigail Green from March 2d to Oct 2d 1818 — — — — — — — — —	83,, 62
To Nath[l] Bond for Lumber for the Bridge —	49,, 28
To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow Mary White from July 6th to Oct 28th 1818 — — —	16,, —
To Samu[l] Sawin for Boarding Newton Baxter from March 2d to Novr 2d 1818 — — — —	35,, —

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Decr 7th 1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs Stratton Decr 7th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Josiah Mason & Son for Lumber for the Bridges — — — — — — — — — — 127,, 54

To Joshua Coolidge for Boarding Mehitable Coolidge from Oct 20th 1816 to March 28th 1817 20,, —

To Willm Bradford for Nails &c. — — — — 5,, 11

To Phinehas Sanderson for Shoes delivered John Remington & George Bourn — — — — — — 6,, 20

To Lucy Eliot (Exex to the last will &c.) of Richd R Eliot deceas'd, in full for his salary from July 1st to Oct. 21st 1818 inclusive — — — — — 209,, 06

To Mr Tracy for supplying the Desk six days from Oct. 24th to Decr 6th 1818 — — — — — — 60,, —

To Charles Whitney for work on Bemis's Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 33,, 38

To Samuel Bird for mending Hay Scales — 6,, —

To John Harris for work at the Poor house, Meeting house, Hay Scales & Bridges — — — — 5,, 50

Edward Lowd was appointed Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing, & was sworn into said office by

Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Whereas, a dispute has arisen between Jonas White & Edmund Fowle both of Watertown in the County of Middlesex Esquires about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands in said

Watertown, from the County road, near the said Fowles dwelling house to a new road lately opened leading from Watertown Street to the Corner of the Widow Rufsells garden and from said new road until it comes to land of Charles & Israel Whitney——We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the said town of Watertown duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said White, and after giving due notice to the said Fowle, viewed the premises & duly considered the matter in dispute, have afsigned and do hereby afsign to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows, viz. The said Edmund Fowle shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the great County road aforesaid, sixteen rods & seventeen links & a half link to a Stake, and the said Jonas White shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line, viz from said Stake, to the new road aforesaid——and further——that the said Edmund Fowle shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from said New road, Fifty rods & twenty links & one half link to a Stake, and the said Jonas White shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz. from said last mentioned Stake, until it comes to land of Charles & Israel Whitney as aforesaid——Given under our hands at Watertown this twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & eighteen

William Stone
Francis Brown } Fence Veiwers

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Selectmens Meeting Jany 4th 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mrs Stratton Jany 4th 1819——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Nathl Bemis J^{r} for medical attendance on John Sanger in April 1817 — — — — — — — 2,, 25

Also for medical attendance on Benjamin Learned in June & August 1818 — — — — — — — 2,, 25

To Seth Alden for supplying the Desk four Sundays — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 40,, —

To Adam Brown for cash p[d] J. Mason for Cedar Posts & carting the same — — — — — — —	11,, —
To the town of Boston for the Burial of Venus Dodge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, —
To Cha[s] Whitney, Adam Brown & Enos Blake, Committee for making the road & setting the fence from West School house to Cha[s] river —	125,, —
To Sam[l] Latch for Boarding Rob[t] Sanders from Sep[t] 1st 1818 to Jan[y] 1st 1819, Boarding George Bourn & Wife same time & Boarding Benj[n] Learned in his last sickneſs & making sundry Clothing for the above persons — — — — —	110,, 38
To Zacheus Pond for mending chains & the use of Scraper 6 days — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 74
To Enos Blake for Pin Timber — — — — —	1,, 75
To Lucy Eliot for Boarding Clergymen &c. 12 days — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,, —

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To Jerom Hearsy for setting Glaſs in School houses & Meeting house — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 19
To Cha[s] Whitney, Nath[l] R Whitney & Moses Coolidge, Committee for making the road & setting fence through the Ministerial land, land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle — — — — — —	425,, —

The following persons were appointed Fish Agents for the year ensuing——viz. Gilbert Nichols
Abijah White

Abijah White was excused from serving as Fish Agent & Thomas Clark appointed in his stead———

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the Engine called the Releif——viz.

Nathaniel Weld Jr	Thom[s] Soden
Gilbert Nichols	Coolidge P. Woods
Nath[l] R Whitney J[r]	Cha[s] H. Chandler
James Robbins	John M. Harris
Leonard Harris	Isaac Ruſsell
Elijah Ray	Benj[n] F. Farrar
Jerom Hearsy	Hezekiah Bacon

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting March 1st 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton March 1st 1819———

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Thaddeus Cole for Cash pd Foot Forward & Co for 3 Casks Powder — — — — — — —	24,, —
To Henry Craft for Stones supplied for Bemis's Bridge & use of Scraper — — — — — —	11,, 50
To Phinehas Sanderson for mending Shoes for Geo. Bourn & Wife — — — — — — — — —	3,, 33
To John Clark & Co for sundry Clothing supplied the poor — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 81
To Sullivan Thayer for sundry Goods dld. Mrs Harvey — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 46
To the town of Charlestown for Sundries supplied Joseph Whitney — — — — — — — — —	2,, 82
To Stephen Cook for House rent for Mrs Bray one year ending March 1st 1819 — — — —	25,, —
To Levi Thaxter for sundry supplies for the poor &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	53,, 15
To Moses Chenery for sundry repairs on the East. School. house — — — — — — — — —	8,, 19
To Mr Converse Francis for supplying the desk 6 Sundays — — — — — — — — — — — —	60,, —
To Samuel Learned for his services as Constable for the year 1817 — — — — — — — —	12,, 25

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To Benjamin Stevens for sundries & labour	24,, —
To Chas Whitney his account for sundries for meeting house & School house & for labour —	14,, 59

To Samuel Bird his acc^{t} for Irons for Stoves for meeting house ——————————— 6,, 68

To Leonard Harris his acc^{t} for Posts & Carting gravel ——————————— 6,, —

To David Hager his acc^{t} for House rent for Geo. Harvey's Family—(balance) ——————— 4,, —

To Elisha Stratton his acc^{t} for entertainment for Committee & agents for leasing Fishery &c. in 1819 ——————————— 5,, 67

To Elisha Stratton his acc^{t} for entertainment for Selectmen from April 6th 1818 to March 1st 1819 ——————————— 33,, 52

To Chas Whitney a list of abatements as made by the Selectmen March 15th 1817 in the list of taxes committed him to collect in 1815 — 15,, 82

Attest Nathl R Whitney J^{r} Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1819

At the foregoing meeting the following Warrant was iſsued——viz.——Middlesex ſs.

To Samuel Learned One of the Constables for the town of Watertown————————Greeting————————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the

freeholders

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Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz.—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^{d} To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the months of March & April Annually——

3d To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services
4th To determine whether swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
6th To know what measures the town will take to supply the desk, & grant money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon
7th To grant money to open, make & repair the highways & act any thing thereon——
8th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
9th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
10th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon——

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11th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——
13th To know in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon——
15th To know if the town will authorize the appointment of full companies to the Engines & act any thing thereon——
16th To know if the town will choose a Committee to investigate the doings of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund & act any thing thereon——
17th To know if the town will direct any alteration in the situation of the Posts round the meeting house common & authorize the setting of trees in front of the same & act any thing thereon——
18th To know if the town will appoint a Committee and authorize them to exchange lands with the owners of Stable lots near the meeting house & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

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Given under our hands & seals this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen——

(signed) Levi Thaxter
Chas Whitney
Peter Clark
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 15th 1819 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified, & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof——

Samuel Learned Constable

March Meeting 1819.

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants aſsembled March 15th 1819 and proceeded to act by articles as follows——viz.——

1st Voted & chose Doctr Walter Hunnewell Moderator——

2d Voted & chose Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk——
(& was sworn into said office by Thomas Clark Esqr Justt peace

Voted & chose Abijah White Town Treasurer

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Voted & chose for Selectmen
Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Amos Livermore Jr
Daniel Bond
Charles Whitney

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
Thomas Clark
Abijah White
Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this meeting to half past two O'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place——

Agreeably to the adjournment the inhabitants afsembled & proceeded as follows. viz.——

Voted & chose for Constables— Christopher Grant, Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers — Nathaniel Bright, Elisha Livermore, Enos Blake, Charles Stone

Voted & chose for Tythingmen — John H. Clark, Thaddeus Cole, Thomas Learned, Jerome Hearsey

Voted & chose for Clerk of the Market — James Robbins

Voted & chose for Feild Drivers— William Leathe, Francis Brown, John H. Clark, Chas Stone, Joseph Bird, Israel Whitney, Daniel Learned, Elisha W. Dana

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves— Nathaniel Weld, Josiah Bright, Miles Sprague Jr., Abijah Stone Jr, Seth Gay, Coolidge P. Wood, William Nichols, Abradatus Farrow, Daniel Learned, Nathan Fuller—

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— John Fowle, Luke Bemis, Thomas Learned, Thomas Richardson, John H. Clark, James Barnard—

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber — Enos Blake, Caleb Lincoln, Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nathaniel Bemis, Luke Bemis, Adam Brown, Moses Coolidge, Elisha Livermore, John Clark, Eliakim Morse, John Hunting

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Voted & chose for Fish Committee — Moses Coolidge, Nathaniel Weld, Cornelius Stone, Mark Vose, Amasa Jackson, Wm M. Pomroy

Voted & chose Jeremiah Rufsell Pound keeper——

3d Voted to refer this article for the choice of a Sexton to the Selectmen——

4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year——

5th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year, to be expended in the same proportions as last year——

6th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to supply the desk 'till the further order of the town——

7th Voted to grant for Highways twenty five Cents on every rateable Poll & all other estates in proportion, & each man to be allowed 12½ Cents ℔ hour & a team in the same ratio——

8th Voted to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same——viz.

To Nath[l] R Whitney Jr for his services as Town Clerk — — — — — — — — — — — — — 25,, —

To Thomas Clark for his services as Aſsesſor &c ——————————————— 21,, 25

To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Aſsesſor &c. ——————————————— 29,, —

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9th Voted to postpone this article (relative to hearing the report of the Committee for making estimates &c) to the adjournment of this meeting——

10th Voted to accept the report of the Committee for making the road through the Ministerial land &c. (which will appear on file—& grant money to pay the balance of their account——

11th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the support of the poor to the adjournment of this meeting——

12th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town which is as follows. viz.

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged the Sum of ———————————	8827,, 02
and is credited the sum of ———————	8501,, 05
leaving a balance in the Treasury as will appear	$325,, 97

13th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way, at the adjournment of this meeting & to postpone the choice of Collector 'till that time——

14th No order was taken thereon——

15th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the appointment of full Companies to the Engines to the adjournment of this meeting——

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16th Voted to choose a Committee to investigate the doings of the Trustees to the Ministerial Fund——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Bemis, John Hunting, Luke Bemis

17th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the Meeting house Common) to the adjournment of this meeting

18th Voted & chose a Committee to make any exchange of lands with the several owners of the Stable lots near the meeting house, and to give & receive good & sufficient titles for the same, as they shall think proper——

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R Whitney } Committee
Luke Bemis

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 3 O'clock in the afternoon——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths 1819 March 15th

The following persons took the oaths of their respective offices viz. Levi Thaxter, Luke Bemis, Amos Livermore Jr. Daniel Bond & Cha[s] Whitney as Selectmen W[m] Leathe as Feild Driver March 16th Isaac Dana as Surveyor of Lumber & Culler of Hoops & Staves, James Robbins as Clerk of the Market, Fran[s] Brown as Feild driver March 18th Cha[s] Stone as Fence Viewer & Feild driver, Enos Blake as Fence Viewer & Surveyor of Lumber

20th Joseph Bird as Feild driver——
Thomas Richardson as Surveyor of Highways,

before Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Warrant for April Meeting

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——————Greeting————

You are hereby forthwith required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the

public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Leiutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Also, You are alike required, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings——

Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen (signed)

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Amos Livermore Jr
Daniel Bond
Charles Whitney
} Selectmen for Watertown

Attest
Nath[l] R Whitney Jr
Town Clerk

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Middlesex ſs. Watertown April 5th 1819 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town of Watertown to meet as within directed and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meetings——

Samuel Learned Constable

April Meeting Apr. 5th 1819

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Lt Governor &c. assembled April 5th 1819 and gave their votes as follows. viz—

For Governor

His Excy John Brooks Eighty six votes
Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninsheild Eighty nine votes

For Leiut Governor

Hon. William Phillips Eighty five votes
Hon. Benjamin Austin Eighty nine votes
Daniel Jackson————one vote———

*Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Ninety votes
" John Hart ——— Ninety votes
" Leonard M. Parker Ninety votes
" Saml P. P. Fay— Eighty four votes
Joseph Locke —— seventy four votes
Calvin Sanger —— Eighty five votes
John Locke ——— Eleven votes
John Keyes Esqr— one vote——

The votes were accordingly sealed up in open Town meeting——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Meeting for County Treasurer

The meeting for the choice of County Treasurer being opened proceeded as follows. viz.——April 5th 1819——

Art. 1st Voted & chose Doct Walter Hunnewell Moderator—

2d The votes for County Treasurer being called for, were

For John Keyes Esqr———sixty one votes
Nathan Brooks Esqr——sixty votes——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

*Editorial Note:—This listing of names was probably meant for Senators or Counsellors, although it was not indicated in original script.

Adjourned March Meeting

Agreeably to the adjournment the March meeting was opened April 5th 1819——

Doctr Walter Hunnewell presiding as Moderator
The town proceeded as follows. viz.—

Voted, to excuse Christopher Grant from serving as Constable——

Voted & chose Samuel Learned in his stead——

Under Art. 7th Voted that the Aſsesſors be directed forthwith to make the Highway tax from the last years valuation adding such Polls as are liable to be taxed not now on the valuation & deliver the same to the surveyors——

Art. 8th Voted to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same——viz.—

To Benjamin Stevens for digging Grave & attending the Funeral of Ebenr Swan — — — —	4,, —
To Abijah White for his services as Treasurer &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	72,, —
To Jonas White for interest on money he advanced for the town-repairing Meeting house &c.	42,, 81

Art 9th Voted to accept the report of the Committee for making estimates (except the sum granted at the last meeting for the support of Schools)——which is——to grant——

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For the support of the Poor the ensuing year	1200,, —
For Contingiences — — — — — — — — —	300,, —
For the support of the Ministry — — — —	800,, —

The report will appear on file—

Art 10th Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund & to have it placed upon the files of the town——

which is as follows—

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund agreeably to the Act of Incorporation,——present to the

town the following statement of their doings the last year, and of the existing state of the Funds———

Since the last annual Statement, no sales of their lands have been effected, and the Amount of the Fund, not increased, remains the same as the last year. viz. $2750,,50 which is on interest, with sufficient security, and due from the same persons mentioned in the last statement———

The Interest or income arising from said sum for one year to the 1st April 1819 amounts to the sum of $165,,03 and the Rent of the real estate for one year to the 1st April 1819 to the sum of $153,, making in all $318,,03 to which is to be added the sum of two dollars for the interest upon the ints of L. Harris & J. Wyeths Notes which will make $320,,03 to be paid over to the Treasurer as the same may be collected agreeable to the directions of the town———

All which is Respectfully submitted

By order of the Trustees———

Watertown Apr^{l} 5th 1819——Levi Thaxter—Treasurer

11th Voted, that the support of the poor be left to the direction of the Selectmen——

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13th Voted to postpone this article to the adjournment of this meeting——

15th Voted, that the appointment of more Engine Men should be left to the discretion of the Selectmen & if they think proper to accept of volunteers——

17th Voted that any persons shall have the liberty to set out trees in front of the meeting house, without any expence to the town, under the direction of the Selectmen——
Voted, that it is expedient to remove some of the Posts in front of the meeting house, and that it be done under the direction of the following Committee——viz.

Gilbert Nichols
Caleb Lincoln
Nathl Bemis

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Mr Strattons this evening at six oclock for the sole purpose of Farming out the Taxes & choosing Collector———

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Adjourned March Meeting

The meeting being opened by adjournment at Mr. Strattons April 5th 1819——It was voted to farm out the taxes on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector——& being put up were bought by Samuel Learned for 3 Cents on a dollar——

Voted & chose Samuel Learned Collector——

Voted to difsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Apr[l] 5th 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton April 5th 1819——

The Pews in the meeting house belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th day of April instant to the highest bidders—& were leased as follows—— viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called) to Miles Sprague Jr for ————————————	16,, —
The Ministerial Pew to Elisha Stratton —	21,, —
The East long Pew to C. V. Swan ———	11,, 50
The West long Pew to Joseph Peirce ——	11,, —
2/5 of Sanger Pew (so called to Will[m] Shepherd ————————————	3,, 50
The Hay Scales were leased for one year from the 1st day of April instant to Ebenezer Tucker——for ————————————	32,, 50
The Wharf in Cambridge was leased for one year to Daniel Bond for ————————————	6,, —

Isaac Dana was appointed Measurer of Wood the year ensuing———

Amasa Jackson was appointed Weigher of Beef——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Elisha Fuller for supplying the desk 5 Sundays — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 50,, —

To Samuel Gilman for supplying the desk one Sunday — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, —

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To Luke Bemis for Timber, Carting & Labour for Bemis's Bridge (so called — — — — 11,, 12

To John H. Clark for repairing the Road under the Rocks — — — — — — — — — — — — 20,, —

To Zacheus Pond for Chains & Iron Work — 9,, 25

To Denny P. Hooker for work setting Post at the meeting house — — — — — — — — — — 7,, 50

To Chas Whitney for Posts & work at the Meeting house & going to Sudbury after Elisha Whitneys Family — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 07

To Nath[l] R Whitney & Charles Whitney for Stones & building the Wall through land of Jonas White being the amt of the grant for that purpose 150,, —

To Josiah Bright for support of David Barnerd one year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 20,, —

To Samuel Hyde for boarding Jona Nutting from March 2d 1818 to March 30th 1819 & sundry Clothing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 104,, 27

To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow White from Oct 26th 1818 to March 1st 1819 — — — 18,, —

To John Odin for Sheet Iron for Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 40

Luther Davies was approbated as a Retailer for the remainder of the year——

Agreed with Josiah Bright to take David Barnerd for one year from the 1st of April 1819 for twenty five dollars—

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Oaths}

The following persons were sworn into their respective offices April 5th 1819———viz.⸗

Samuel Learned & Joseph Peirce as Constables——
Daniel Learned, Abradatus Farrow, Miles Sprague Jr. & Josiah Bright as Hogreeves——
Daniel Learned as Feild driver——
Thomas Clark & Gilbert Nichols as Aſseſsors——
Caleb Lincoln as Surveyor of Lumber——
Amasa Jackson Weigher of Beef——
Wm M. Pomroy as Fish Committee——
Abijah White as Treasurer & Aſseſsor——
John H Clark as Feild Driver & Surveyor of Highways——

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk⸗

Warrant for Town Meeting Apr[l] 12th 1819

April 2d 1819

The Seleƈtmen iſsued the following Warrant viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned, one of the Constables of the town of Watertown————Greeting———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of April instant at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. viz.⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will give Mr Converse Francis a call to settle as a Pastor over the Church & Congregation in this town & choose a Committee for that purpose & act any thing thereon——

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3d To know what Salary the town will authorize their Committee to offer Mr. Francis in case he shall accept of their invitation & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting———Given under our hands & seals this second day of April AD 1819.

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Amos Livermore Jr
Attest Daniel Bond

Selectmen for Watertown

Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Watertown April 12th 1819

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown as within directed to meet at the time & place within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting——

Saml Learned Constable

Town Meeting Aprl 12th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled Aprl 12th 1819 & passed the following votes. viz.

Art 1st Voted & chose Doctr Walter Hunnewell Moderator

2d Voted, that the town do now give Mr Converse Francis an invitation or call, to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry——

Voted, That the town will give Mr. Francis one thousand dollars a year Salary——payable quarterly during his

ministry

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Ministry——And also the use & improvement of the Ministerial Pew in the meeting house, from & after the first day of April next—in case he should become their Minister——

Voted, That a Committee consisting of Deacon Moses Coolidge, Deacon John Tucker, Nath[l] Bemis, Levi Thaxter, & Abijah White Esquires, be a Committee to wait on M[r] Francis & communicate to him the foregoing votes of the town——

Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

April 30th 1819

John Fowle was sworn as Surveyor of Highways

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

The following Warrant was iſsued by the Selectmen April 24th 1819——viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house on Monday the third day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May——

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You are also hereby further required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——

2d To know if the town will grant the sum of one hundred and sixty six dollars and direct the same to be aſseſsed and collected with the Ministerial tax the present year, to reimburse the Treasury for the Funeral expences of their late pastor & act any thing thereon——

3d To know if the town will make a grant of their Ministerial land, & Buildings standing thereon as a Donation to the Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund and choose a Committee, to convey the same to the said Trustees in fee, by a good & sufficient deed thereof, and act any thing thereon——

4th To hear the reports of all Committees and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the times for holding said Meetings——

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of April AD. 1819

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond } Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meetings——

Watertown May 3d 1819

Jos Peirce Constable

May Meeting 1819

Agreeably to the within Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives aſsembled May 3d 1819 and proceeded to choice of one Representative——when the votes were—

For Levi Thaxter Esqr —— Eighty one——
Nath[l] R Whitney Esqr Eight——
Nath[l] Bemis Esqr—— One——
John Clark———— Two——

Levi Thaxter Esqr was declared chosen——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 3d 1819

The inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being aſsembled May 3d 1819—proceeded to act by articles as set forth in the foregoing Warrant——viz.—

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator——

2d Voted to grant the sum of one hundred & sixty six dollars, to be aſseſsed the present year with the Ministerial tax, to reimburse the Treasury for the Funeral Expences of their late pastor——

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3d Voted to grant their Ministerial land & the buildings standing thereon as a Donation, to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund—all future repairs to be kept out of said Fund.

Voted to choose a Committee who shall be invested with power to convey the same to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund with a good & sufficient title to the same—

Voted & chose for said Committee— Thomas Clark, Nath[l] Bemis, Luke Bemis—

Voted to diſsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting May 3d 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton May 3d 1819———

They agreed with Daniel Jackson to take Frederick Remington for one year from May 1st 1819 for thirty dollars——said Jackson to save the town harmlefs from any other expence which arise from his support——

Also agreed with Mark Vose to keep John Remington for one year from May 1st 1819 for sixty dollars, the town to be exempt from all other expence, except his Cloathing—

Agreed with Amos Livermore Jr. to take a Boy by the name of Marshall Whitney for terms——
refer to the Indentures——

Agreed with John Clark to take Susan Whitney——
(see Indentures)———

Agreed to place James Welch son of Susan Whitney to Charles Stone 'till he shall become twenty one years of age said Stone to receive forty dollars as a compensation therefor——
(see Indentures ———

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Agreed to let Samuel Letch have the poor house at forty dollars for the year ensuing, from April 15th 1819——to board George Bourn & Wife for One dollar & fifty Cents ℔ Week & Robert Saunders for One dollar & thirty three Cents ℔ week from May 1st 1819———

Samuel Learned was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing——

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing———

Richard Sanger was appointed Sexton for one year from May 3d 1819 at twenty dollars for ringing the Bell & taking care of the Meeting house & twenty five Cents ℔ day for making Fires———
For digging Graves, Tolling the Bell &c. the same as last year——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.⸗

To Samuel Letch his acc^{t} for Boarding Sundry paupers from Jany 1st to May 1st 1819 — —	77,, 41
To Benjamin Holten for House rent for Jonas Learned from March 1st 1818 to Apr^{l} 1st 1819 & Wood bought for him — — — — — — —	33,, 25
To Amos Clarke for supplying the desk 4 days	40,, —
To Adam Brown for setting Posts in front of Meeting house, Carting gravel &c. — — — — — —	4,, 50
To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from Novr 2^{d} 1818 to May 3^{d} 1819 making 26 Weeks— @ $1,, — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, —

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To Samuel Merriam for boarding Nathan Boynton & Anna Green from Oct. 7th 1818 to Apr^{l} 28th 1819 is 29 Weeks— @ $1,,—& extra trouble	68,, —
To Benjamin Stevens his acc^{t} for services as Sexton the year past — — — — — — — — — — —	36,, 25
To Daniel Jackson for support of Frederick Remington from May 1st 1818 to May 1st 1819 as ℔ agreement — — — — — — — — — — — —	30,, —

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 17th 1819

The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant May 11th 1819——viz.⸗

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting

house on Monday the Seventeenth day of May instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To know if the town will choose a Committee to carry into effect the agreement between the town & Mr. Convers Francis relative to his settlement in the Gospel Ministry, and to make the neceſsary provision and arrangments for his ordination & act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will make any alterations in the Pews in the Meeting house, and build a Porch at the front door, or authorize said Proprietors to make such alterations and act anything thereon——

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4th To know if the town will authorize the Society of Singers to procure an Instructor, for the purpose of preparing Music for the ordination, and grant Money to pay the expence and act any thing thereon——
5th To know if the town will choose a Surveyor of Highways in any district where that office is vacant, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting——

Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Charles Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 12th 1819 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town meeting to aſsemble at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by giving verbal notice——

Samuel Learned Constable

Town Meeting May 17th 1819

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants aſsembled May 17th 1819 & proceeded as follows. viz.

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator——

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2d Voted to choose a Committee to make the neceſsary arrangments for the ordination of Mr. Convers Francis

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Levi Thaxter
- Nath[l] Bemis
- John Fowle
- Paul Learned
- Peter Clark
- John Tucker
- Daniel Bond

Voted that the answer of Mr. Francis be put upon the record of the town——which is as follows——viz.

Mr Francis' answer

"Cambridge May 8th 1819"

"To the church of Christ and the Congregational Society in Watertown"——

Christian Brethren,

I have received through your Committee the Statement of proceedings, by which I am invited to settle among you in the work of the Gospel Ministry. I have considered the subject, I hope, with that attention and seriousneſs, which its importance demands, and with a humble reliance on the aid of that Being, "from whom alone cometh our help." The result of my deliberations is an acquiescence in your proposals. Brethren, I accept your invitation. I accept it under the impreſsion of those feelings, with which one, who is young and inexperienced, may well be supposed to view the arduous duties and solemn responsibilities imposed by the sacred office. It is my desire to be able to meet these duties and answer to these claims,

in the proper spirit of a disciple and servant of Christ, by the faithful exertion of my best powers, and by unreserved confidence in Almighty God,

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—Who giveth strength to the feeble and power to the helpleſs. Whatever faculties or whatever talents God has given me, they will, I trust, ever be devoted to the promotion of your best good, and to the cause of our holy religion——

Permit me to expreſs my thanks for the kindneſs and regard manifested by your proceedings, and my prayer that the interests of religion and the cause of Christ among you may be strengthened and bleſsed, and that you may be built up in the faith and order of the Gospel."——

"With sincere regard I am
your Servant in Christ——

Convers Francis"

Voted, that the foregoing Committee be directed to carry into effect the writings neceſsary for the settlement of Mr. Francis——

Voted, also that the foregoing Committee confer with him respecting the time & convenience of his ordination, and that if agreeable & convenient to Mr Francis, it shall be on Wednesday the 23^{d} of June next——

3^{d} Voted, that a Committee be chosen to confer with the Proprietors of Pews in the Meeting house, and know if any, or what alterations can be made therein, and report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted & chose for s^{d} Committee { John Hunting, Gilbert Nichols, Walter Hunnewell, Thom^{s} Learned, Enos Blake, Caleb Lincoln, Saml Learned }

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4th Voted, that the sum of thirty dollars be granted for preparing Music for the ordination, to be laid out under the direction of the Singing Society & to draw on the Treasurer for the same——to be aſseſsed in the Ministerial Tax——

5th Voted & chose Samuel Barnerd Surveyor of Highways in the room of James Bernard (who has removed from the town)

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 2d Monday in June next, then to meet at this place at three oclock in the afternoon——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oaths,}

May 31st 1819 Thomas Learned was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

June 3d 1819 Luke Bemis was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by N R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Adjournment of Meeting from May 17th 1819

By adjournment a Town Meeting was held June 14th 1819 and proceeded as follows.——viz.

Art. 3d The Committee chosen to confer with the Pewholders made a report, which was accepted and orderd to be placed on the files of the town——

Art. 4th Voted to grant the sum of twenty dollars in addition to the sum heretofore granted for the purpose of preparing Music for the ordination & that the Singing Society draw on the Treasurer for the same——

Voted to diſsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Warrant for Meeting July 6th 1819

The Selectmen iſsued the following warrant June 26th 1819——

Middlesex ſs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Tuesday the sixth day of July next at four oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles. viz.—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will take any method to enlarge their meeting house, or build a new one, and act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will make any alteration of the Pews in the body of the meeting house, or permit the owners to do it, & enclose the middle aisles—& act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the town will build any Pews in the Gallery of the Meeting house, or sell the right of building Pews in the same & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen

Levi Thaxter—
Daniel Bond
Chas Whitney—
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Attest
Nath[l] R Whitney Jr
Town Clerk

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Middlesex ſs. Watertown July 6th 1819 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown

qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within two Sundays prior to said meeting at the public meeting house in said town——

Sam[l] Learned Constable

Meeting July 6th 1819

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants afsembled July 6th 1819 & pafsed the following votes viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq[r] Moderator——

2[d] A plan was exhibited by Mr John Hunting to enlarge the meeting house——Whereupon, the town voted that the said Hunting shall be authorized to enlarge the meeting house agreeably to the plan which will appear in the Town Clerks office——the said Hunting giving sufficient bonds to save the town harmlefs from any expence——the plan to be strictly adhered to, unlefs he, and the Committee to be chosen in behalf of the town shall agree to arrange the Pews in any other manner——

Voted & chose the following Committee to make the necefsary agreements & to carry into effect the foregoing vote——viz.

Luke Bemis
Jonas White
Nath[l] R Whitney
} Committee

Voted, that the foregoing Committee make such an agreement with Mr Hunting as shall oblige him to perform all the work in a workmanlike manner & to their acceptance

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—Within four months from this time——

Voted also, that the said Hunting shall dispose of the Pews at Public Vendue——giving to the said Hunting the benifit of all the gain———

3[d] Voted, that the present Pew-holders in the body of the Meeting house, shall have the liberty of altering or making them into long Pews, taking the middle aisles,——provided the Committee who are chosen to carry into effect the

enlargement of the meeting house, & the Pew holders, can make any agreement relative thereto———

4th Voted that the foregoing Committee shall have the right of making Pews in the Gallery or selling the right of making them at their discretion———

Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest. Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oath}

July 24th 1819 Samuel Learned was sworn to the office of Collector———by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Selectmens Meeting Aug[t] 2[d] 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Aug[st] 2[d] 1819

The following acct[s] were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.—

To Nath[l] McIntire for Materials & Painting the Bridge ———————————	15,, 17
To Daniel Rice for one day labour on meeting house common ———————————	1,, —
To Elijah Hager in full for Boarding Lucy Hager from March 1st 1818 to March 1st 1819 & sundry articles of Clothing ———————————	71,, 81

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To Samuel Latch for boarding Robert Saunders, George Bourn & Wife from May 1st to Aug[t] 1st 1819 ———————————	36,, 83
To Thom[s] Heard for support & clothing for Elisha Whitneys family from Oct. 1st 1818 to March 30th 1819 ———————————	39,, 32

To Levi Thaxter for entertainment for Clergymen from Jany 1st to June 23^{d} 1819 — — 32,, 25

To Rev. Convers Francis for supplying the desk 8 Sundays — — — — — — — — — — — — 80,, —

To Charles Stone as compensation for taking James Welch 'till he shall become 21 years old — 40,, —

To John Clark for taking Susan Whitney 'till she becomes 18 years old — — — — — — 25,, —

To Samuel Learned in full for his premium for collecting Taxes for the year 1818 — — — —

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the ensuing year for the Engine called the Relief——viz.

George Coolidge
Abraham Lincoln
Fran^{s} Leathe
John Harris
Nathl Bond 2^{d}
Alexander Stuart
Henry Taylor

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Luke Bemis's Protest

Whereas, Marshall B. Spring Esqr did, on the third day of October call on William Stone and Francis Brown Fence viewers of Watertown for the year 1818, to view the partition Fence between his land and the land of me the Subscriber, they the Fence viewers met, and divided the Fence between our said lands, and aſsigned to me the Subscriber about

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—Two rods more than one half of the partition line notwithstanding the line had been divided and the Fence has been built & supported for more than sixty years last past in equal half's, all of which I am able to verify,—I therefore

enter my protest against the doings of the said Fence viewers and the division which they have made——

(signed) Luke Bemis

Copy on file

Selectmens Meeting Sept 6th 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Septr 6th 1819——

The following accts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To the town of Cambridge for the support of Andrew White in Goal, & Susan Whitney in the Alms house & for medical asistance — — — —	24,, 06
To Saml Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from May 3d to Augt 3d 1819 & for sundry Cloth-ing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	23.88
To Peter Clark for Cash pd Musicians at the Ordination & for sundry refreshments — — —	28,, 25
To Mrs Mary Whitney for boarding Widow White from March 1st to Sept 6th 1819 — — —	38,, 50
To Samuel Merriam for boarding Nathan Boynton & Ann. Green from Aprl 28th to Sept 2d 1819 & for extra trouble pr agreement — — — —	41,, —

The following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the year ensuing viz.

Innholders: Saml Bellows, Jeremiah Fowle, Luke Robinson, Elisha Stratton, Mark Vose

Retailers: John Clark, Thaddeus Cole, Luther Davies

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Oath}

Oct 1st 1819 Samuel Barnard was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways——

by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Oct. 11th 1819

The following Warrant was iſsued Oct. 1st 1819—viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public Meeting house, on Monday the eleventh day of October instant, at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To hear the report of the Committee to superintend the enlargement of the Meeting house, & know if the town will accept the work as performed, and confirm to the contractors their title to the new pews, and act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the town will designate a Pew, for the Miniſterial Pew and act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the town will take any measures to dispose of the Pews belonging to the town, and act any thing thereon
5th To know if the town will grant a Stable lot, to Jonas White Esq[r] in exchange for his lot taken up by the addition to the Meeting house, and act any thing thereon——
6th To know if the town will call on those Committees who have had any of the affairs of the town to transact to make report & settle their accounts, and act any thing thereon—
7th To hear the report of any Committees & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings to the Selectmen at or before the time for

holding said meeting——Given under our hands & seals this first day of October AD 1819

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Amos Livermore Jr. } Selectmen of Watertown
Daniel Bond
Chas Whitney

Attest.
NR Whitney Jr.
Town Clerk

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Watertown October 11th 1819——Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce Constable

Meeting Oct 11th 1819

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants aſsembled Octr 11th 1819 & paſsed the following votes. viz.

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator——

2d The Committee appointed to superintend the enlargement of the meeting house made a report which will appear on file——Whereupon, the town voted, That Mr John Hunting shall remove, (or cause to be removed) the broad Aisle Pews from their situation as they are now built, back to Luke Bemis's & Danl Jackson's Pews, as was contemplated by the town——

3d Voted, that the Pew on the ground in front of Mr Luke Bemis's Pew, on the left side of the Broad Aisle, shall be designated as the Ministerial Pew———

4th Voted, that a Committee be chosen to make sale of the town's Pews——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis, Jonas White, Nathl R Whitney

Voted, that the foregoing Committee make sale of the Pews at public auction or at private sale at their discretion, and the proceeds to be put to the Ministerial Fund——

5th Voted to grant Jonas White Esqr the land occupied as a gate way, for a Stable lot, instead of the lot taken from him in consequence of making the addition to the meeting house——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday next at three o'clock in the afternoon——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Adjourn'd Meeting Oct. 15th 1819

Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the inhabitants aſsembled October 15th 1819 and proceeded as follows——viz.

Art. 2d Voted, that the Committee appointed to superintend the enlargement of the Meeting house, be instructed & empowered to make Mr John Hunting a fair compensation for the ground gained, in consequence of removing the Pews, (in conformity with the vote at the foregoing meeting,) taking into consideration all the advantages or disadvantages resulting thereby——

6th Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to call on any Committees who have had any affairs of the town to transact & adjust the same——

7th Voted to dismiſs the article——

Voted to diſsolve this meeting——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Nov. 1st 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Novr 1st 1819

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To Charles Whitney for making Wall on the new road — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 41,, 25

To Nath[l] R Whitney & Cha[s] Whitney for balance for Stones furnished for the new road — 15,, —

To Samuel Letch for Boarding sundry Paupers from July 24th to Nov[r] 1st 1819 — — — 88,, 22

To Elisha Stratton for entertainment as pr his acc[t] for the ordination — — — — — — — — 176,, 67

To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren from Oct 1st 1818 to Oct 1st 1819 — — — 35,, —

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To Tyler Bigelow for attending and Manageing the cause against Abijah Ruggles & for Cash p[d] Witnefses fees — — — — — — — — — — 54,, 36

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Dec[r] 6th 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Dec[br] 6th 1819——

The following acc[ts] were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Thomas Whitney for boarding Lucy White from March 2[d] 1818 to March 2[d] 1819 — 39,, —

To Samuel Meriam for boarding Ann Green and Nathan Boynton from Sep[t] 2[d] to Dec[r] 2[d] 1819 & sundry clothing — — — — — — — — — 31,, —

To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from March 1st to Dec[r] 1st 1819 and sundry clothing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 54,, 55

To William Penniman for the support of Susanna Fowle from Oct[r] 10th 1818 to Oct. 10th 1819 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 65,, —

To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from Augst 3^{d} to Decr 1st 1819 — — — — — 17,, —

Edward Lowd was appointed Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing——

George Coolidge was approbated for licence for the remainder of the year in the room of Luther Davies——

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

December 14th 1819 Edward Lowd was sworn as Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing by,

Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Jan^{ry} 3^{d} 1820.——

The following persons were appointed Engine Men for the Engine N° 1. viz.

Abraham Lincoln
George Coolidge
Charles Coolidge
Amasa Jackson
John Harris
Farrington Hawks
Daniel Waters
Warren White
Cephas Whittemore
Isaac Rufsell
Charles Bent
Reuben Eaton
John Bond
William Bradford
Luther Sifson
Benjamin Stevens
Ebenezer Tucker
George Newell

The following persons were also appointed Engine Men for the Engine called the Releif——Viz.

Nathaniel Weld
Gilbert Nichols
Nathl R Whitney Jr
James Robbins
Leonard Harris
Elijah Ray
Jerome Hearsy
Thomas Soden
Coolidge P. Wood
Charles H. Chandler
John M. Harris
Benjn F. Farrar
Hezekiah Bacon
Francis Leathe
Henry Taylor
Alexander Meacham
Horatio Nichols

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Janry 22d 1820. The Selectmen appointed Thoms Clark, & Gilbert Nichols to lease the Fishery the ensuing year——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Watertown and Waltham, having perambulated and run the lines between said towns on the 18th day of October 1819 and the ancient marks and Monuments and renewed & established them as follows——viz.

1st At a Stone marked W.W. in Peter Clark's land by West Cambridge line.——

2d At a heap of Stones on a flat rock in Capt Charles Wellington's land, formerly the land of Samuel White——

3d At a heap of Stones in Jonas Whites land by a Cedar tree formerly the land of Phinehas Stearns——

4th At a Stone marked .W.W in the road leading under the Rocks, (so called) by the side of Nath[l] Brights wall——

5th At a Stone marked W.W. in the road leading to Lexington by the side of Jonas & Leonard Bond's walls (called the Tom Harrington place——

6th At a black Oak tree, marked W.W. Jonas White's land——

7th At a Stone marked W.W. by Barnes's Wall about 15 rods east of his house, in the road——

8th At a heap of Stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidge's Wall——

9th At a Button Wood tree marked W.W. in the land of Hon. Christopher Gore, near the Bridge acrofs the great road——

10th At a Stone marked W.W. in the back road by the side of the Hon. Christopher Gore's wall near the gate——

11th At a Stone marked W.W. in Hon. C. Gore's land, on the bank of Charles river—it being a straight line from the first to the last mentioned bound

Levi Thaxter
Daniel Bond
} Selectmen of Watertown

Thomas Miller
Jonas Clark
} Selectmen of Waltham

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We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the lines, renew & establish the bounds between the towns of Watertown & Newton have attended that service as follows viz.—

1st Beginning at a Stone by Charles river in land belonging to the estate of Nathaniel Weld deceased marked W.N.——
2d From thence running Southerly to a Stone in land belonging to John Richardson Esqr marked W.N. which bound makes a Corner——
3d From thence running westerly to a Stone in the road near the old house belonging to Doctr Morse marked W.N.——
4th From thence to a Stone by the house of the late Cornelius Lenox marked W.N. making a Corner——
5th From thence running Northeasterly to a Stone by Charles river marked W.N. in land belonging to Jacob Griner——

All of which bounds we have renewed & agreed to this 18th day of Oct. AD, 1819—

Levi Thaxter
Danl Bond
} Agents for Watertown—

Isaac Hager
Willm Trowbridge
} Agents for Newton—

This will certify that the Subscribers in behalf of the inhabitants of Watertown & Newton have this day agreed on the division of the Bemis Bridge so called as follows—— That the dividing point be at the north end of the middle Stone Pier in said Bridge——

Oct. 18th 1819

Levi Thaxter
Daniel Bond
} Selectmen of Watertown

Isaac Hager
Willm Trowbridge
} Agents for Newton—

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Selectmens Meeting Febʸ 7ᵗʰ 1820

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Febʳʸ 7ᵗʰ 1820——The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.—

To Samuel Latch for Boarding Mʳˢ Whitney, Robert Saunders, Geo. Bourn & Wife from Novʳ 1ˢᵗ 1819 to Febʸ 1ˢᵗ 1820 & sundry other persons & Clothing — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	62,, 25
To Geo. Coolidge for painting Blind for Pulpit window — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Gilbert Nichols for repairs at the Brick School house — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 20
To Jerome Hearsy for setting Glaſs at the Poor house &c. — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 53
To Isaac Dana for making Door to the School house &c — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, —
To Benjamin Stevens for taking down & putting up Stoves, Making Cartridges, & Making Coffin for Mʳˢ Whitney — — — — — — — — —	10,, 50
To the town of Needham for support of Mehitable Coolidge & Funeral expences — — —	37,, 25
To Enos Blake for repairing Engine — — —	3,, 37
To John Clark for sundry articles delᵈ sundry paupers (two accᵗˢ) — — — — — — — —	39,, 74
To Thaddeus Cole for sundry supplies for Chaˢ Nutting — — — — — — — — — — — — —	38,, 52
To Luke Bemis for supplies furnished Mʳˢ Warren — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 50
To Solomon Flagg for use of Bed Screws in the year 1813 — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Luther Barrett for painting Buckets & Engine — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 37

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To Samuel Bird for Iron Work at the Meeting house & sundry other work — — — — — — — 14,, 13

To Phinehas Sanderson for Mending Shoes for sundry paupers — — — — — — — — — — — — 7,, 34

To Elisha Whitney for Mason Work at the Poor house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 3,, 50

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting March 6th 1820

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton March 6th 1820——The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Jeremiah Fowle for his Bill of Lumber — 32,, 83

To Samuel Meriam for boarding N. Boynton & Ann Green from Dec[r] 2[d] 1819 to Feb[y] 15th 1820 & Sundry Clothing — — — — — — — — — — — 28,, 42

To Nath[l] Bemis Jr for Medical Attendance on M[rs] Elisha Whitney from April 3[d] to Aug[st] 15th 1819 & also his Bill allowed by the State — — — 12,, 50

To Richard Sanger for cleaning the Meeting house at sundry times — — — — — — — — — — 6,, —

To Samuel Learned for his services as Constable &c. from 1818 to 1819 — — — — — — — — 17,, —

To Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable & repairing Hearse — — — — — — — — 4,, 75

To Levi Thaxter for Cash paid sundry persons—& sundry services — — — — — — — — — 29,, 51

To Mark Vose for the support of John Remington from May 1st 1818 to May 1st 1819 — — 60,, —

To Daniel Bond for Cash paid sundry persons & sundry services — — — — — — — — — 17,, 24

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To Amos Livermore Jr for his services perambulating line &c ——————————— 1,, 75

To Josiah Mason & Son for Boards & Plank 7,, 22

To Jerome Hearsy for painting the Deacons Seat & Pulpit Stairs ——————————— 10,, —

To Abra^{m} Lincoln for Work at the Meeting house &c ——————————————— 43,, 22

To Caleb Lincoln for Work at the Meeting house &c. ——————————————— 66,, 54

To Elisha Stratton for Entertainment for the Selectmen &c. for the year past ———— 20,, 66

Warrant for March Meeting 1820

Also, The following Warrant was iſsued——viz.

To Samuel Learned, one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——————————Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the twentieth day of March instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles——viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^{d} To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the months of March and April annually——
3^{d} To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services——
4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon——

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6th To grant money, to open, make & repair the highways & act any thing thereon——

7th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
8th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
9th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——
12th To know if the town will grant money for the support of a singing School & act any thing thereon——
13th To know in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon——
15th To know if the town will choose a Committee to join a Committee from the town of Cambridge to repair their Wharf in Cambridge & act any thing thereon——
16th To know if the town will purchase the new Galliries of the contractors, & make any alterations in the old Galliries, or make any other repairs in the Meeting house & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
17th To know if the town will make any repairs to the School houses & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals

this

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This sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty~

Levi Thaxter
Luke Bemis
Amos Livermore Jr
Daniel Bond
Charles Whitney~

} Selectmen of Watertown~

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 20,, 1820

pursuant to the above Warrant I have summoned & notifyed the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſs'd to assemble at the time & place & for the purpoſses therein mentioned, by posting up an attested copies of the above at the public meeting house in said town to Sundays prior to said Meeting

Sam[l] Learned Constable

March Meeting

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled March 20, 1820, and proceeded to act by the Articles as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted, & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq[r] Moderator

Voted, & Chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk
& was sworn into Office by Levi Thaxter Justice of Peace

Voted & Chose Abijah White Esq[r] Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen
- Levi Thaxter s
- Thomas Clark s
- Daniel Bond s
- John Fowle s
- Charles Whitney s

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Voted & Chose for Aſseſsors
- Thomas Clark s
- Abijah White s
- Gilbert Nichols s

Voted & chose for Constables
- Thomas Richardson
- Elisha W Dana s

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to half past 2 Oclock to meet at this place——

Agreeably to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled, & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers
- Paul Learned s
- Peter Clark s
- William Stone s

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Thomas Learned
- Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Clerks of Markett { John Clark excused / Thaddeus Cole / James Robbins

Voted & chose for Field Drivers {
George Coolidge s
Moses Bright s
John H Clark
Samuel Bellows s
Thomas Richardson s
Nath[l] Bright s
Zacheus Pond s
Nath[l] Weld
Phinehas Learned s
Elisha W Dana s
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Voted & Chose for Hogreeves {
Daniel Learned s
Charles Bent s
Francis Leathe
Hezekiah Bacon s
Henry Bright
Nath[l] Weld
Hosea Stoddard s
Asa Pratt s
William Nichols
}

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways {
Elisha Stratton s
Luke Bemis s
Thomas Learned s
Moses Chenery s
John H Clark s
Samuel Barnard s
}

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber {
Caleb Lincoln s
Isaac Dana s
}

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves {
Isaac Dana s
William Horn
}

Voted & Chose the following persons for Firewards

Viz Elisha Livermore——Joseph Bird John H Clark Adam Brown——Daniel Jackson——Levi Thaxter——Daniel Bond——John Hunting——John Clark——Elisha W Dana——Joseph Peirce——Eliakim Morse——Thomas Learned——Samuel Learned. Luke Bemis

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Voted, & chose for Fish Committee { Moses Coolidge (excused / Cornelius Stone / Nath[l] Stone / Mark Vose / Amasa Jackson / William M Pomroy / Charles Whitney (excused / Moses Whitney

Voted, & chose Jeremiah Rufsell pound Keeper

Voted, to excuse Thomas Richardson from serveing as Constable.

Voted, & chose Joseph Peirce in his place

3[d] Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen for the choise of Sexton.——

4th Voted, that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensueing season.——

5th Voted to Grant the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars to be paid to the several Districts as last year

6th Voted, to grant for Highways twenty five Cents upon every rateable Poll & other Estates in propotion each Man to be allowed 12½ Cents pr Hour & a good team the same as a Man, & that they shall begin to work at 7 Oclock in the Morning & work 10 hours for a day——

Voted, that the Afsefsors complete the Taxes & give the Surveyors their lists on or before the first day of April next. Voted, that the last years Surveyors return all their lists on or before the first day of June next

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Article 7th Voted to allow the following Accounts & grant money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for his servicies as Treasurer and Afsefsor — $68,, —

To Nath[l] R Whitney Jun[r] for his servicies as Town Clerk — — — 25,, —

To Jonas Bond for boarding Nathan Coolidge from June 27th 1814 to August 11th—6 Week & 4 days ——————————————— 14,, 66

To Thomas Clark for his servicies as an Aſsesſor 19,, 50

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine & settle the Account presented against the town by Jonas & Leonard Bond for rent of house improv'd by Charles Nutting——Voted & chose for said Committee the following persons Viz—

Abijah White
Luke Bemis
Samuel Learned

Article 8th Voted to postpone this article to our next Meeting

9th No report made, postponed till next meeting

10th To know what Method the town will take to support their Poor & Grant money for the same was postponed to the adjournment of this Meeting to April——

11th Voted to accept the Treasurer's acct as Reported by the Selectmen & place the same on the Files of the town, which is as follows (Viz)

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged the sum of $7360,, 64

And he is Credited by sundry payments ———————————	$5129,, 13	
By Outstanding Taxes in Collectors hands ———————————	1972,, 35	
By Ballance being Cash in Treasurers hands ———————————	259,, 16	
		$7360,, 64

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Article 12th Voted to Grant Thirty Dollars for the support of a Singing School, to be aſsesſ'd in Ministerial Tax to be laid out under the direction of the Revd Mr Converse Francis—— Walter Hunnewell & Nathl Bemis Jur

13th Voted that the Taxes be farmed out to the lowest bidder & he to be collector.——

14th Voted that no order be taken thereon.——

15th Voted to choose a Committee of three, to Meet & join a Committee from the town of Cambridge, to enquire into the situation of the Wharf, & priviledges the town have, in & about the same, in Cambridge.—

Voted, & chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark / Nath[l] Bemis / Nath[l] R Whitney Esq[r]

16th Voted & Chose the Selectmen together with Mess[r] Luke Bemis Jonas White & Nath[l] R Whitney as a Committee with full power to purchase the new Galliries & make any alteration in the old ones or any repairs in or on the Meeting house if they shou'd see fitt

Voted, to choose a Committee of three, to examine the School houses & see what repairs is nessesary to be done to them, & report at our next Meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Amos Livermore Jr / Gilbert Nichols / Luke Bemis

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to M[r] Luke Robbinsons there to Meet at half past 5 OClock this Evening
Adjourned——

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The Meeting being opened by an adjournment to M[r] Luke Robbinsons, from the Meeting house this afternoon March 20th 1820——proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted to farm the Taxes on the same condition as last year, the lowest bidder to be Collector & being put up was bid off by Cap[t] Samuel Learned for 2⅛ Cents on a Dollar
Voted & Chose Samuel Learned Collector for the town the ensewing year

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Meeting in April it being the first Monday then to Meet at 4 of the Clock P M——at the Meeting house——

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Oaths}

1820 March 20 The following persons took the Oath of their respective offices Viz Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark Dan[l] Bond——John Fowle——Charles Whitney as Selectmen Elisha W Dana & Joseph Peirce as Constables——

Peter Clark fence viewer——George Coolidge Moses Bright Elisha W Dana Thoˢ Richardson Nathˡ Bright Zacheus Pond as Field Drivers——Abijah White as Town Treasurer Asa Pratt as Hogreeve——Elisha Stratton Thomas Learned as Surveyors of Highway——Caleb Lincoln Isaac Dana as Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves——Hezekiah Bacon as Hogreeve——William Stone as Fence viewer——Abijah White and Thomas Clark as Aſſeſsors——Paul Learned as Fence Viewer before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held March 24ᵗʰ 1820 they appointed Joseph Peirce Auctioneer

Gilbert Nichols was sworn as Aſſeſsor before Thoˢ Clark Justice of the peace——

Warn't for April— Meeting

Also the following Warrant was isued——

Middleſs— To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——— Greeting

You are hereby forthwith required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, & Senators & Counsellors agreeably, to the Constitution of said commonwealth——

Also, you are alike required, to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants, of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding haveing a freehold in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon——to Act on the

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Following Articles Viz—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To give in their Votes for County Treasurer

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred & Twenty—

(Signed) Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, Dan[l] Bond, John Fowle, Charles Whitney } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex. ſs. Watertown April 3d 1820——

pursuant to the above Warrant, I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the times & places & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up two copies of the within Warrants at the public meeting house, two Sundays prior to said Meetings.——

(signed) Joseph Peirce Constable

Oaths}

April 3–1820. The following persons took the Oath of their respective Officies (Viz) Samuel Bellows Field driver—— Daniel Learned——Charles Bent——Hosea Stoddard as Hogreeves——Moses Chenery & Samuel Barnard as Surveyors of Highway——before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April Meeting}

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants who were qualified to Vote for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators & Counsellors. aſsembled April 3d 1820——

The Selectmen presideing——the Votes was call'd for & was brought in & are as follows (Viz)—

For Governor

William Eustis Eighty two Votes——
His Excy John Brooks had Seventy seven Votes
Hon. Christopher Gore had One Vote——

For Lieut Governor

Hon. Benjamin Austin had Eighty one Votes
Hon. William Phillips had Seventy seven Votes
Coln Moses Coolidge had One Vote——

For Senators

Hon Joseph B Varnum had Eighty three Votes
Leonard M Parker Esqr had Eighty three Votes
William Whittemore had Eighty one Votes
Joseph Locke Esqr had Seventy six Votes
Hon. Samuel P P. Fay had Seventy one Votes
Calvin Sanger Esqr had Seventy three Votes
Abiel Haywood Esqr had Three Votes——

The Above Votes were Sealed up according to Law, in open Town Meeting——

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Meeting for the choise of County Treasurer being opened April 3d 1820 proceeded as follows. Viz

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr for Moderator

2d Votes for County Treasurer were as follows (Viz)

For John Keyes Esqr Sixty Votes——
Fo Abiel Haywood Esqr Forty three Votes

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March Meeting Adjd

Agreeably to the adjournment, the March Meeting was opened April 3d 1820——

Levi Thaxter Esqr presideing as Moderator, the town proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to allow the following Accounts (Viz)

To Gilbert Nichols for his Servicies as Assefsor for the year 1819 — — — — — 24,, 00

To John Clark for refreshments dld the Engine-men at the fire of Mr Robbin's Tallow Shop — — 7,, 60

Voted that the Selectmen be ortherised to pay the bills for refreshments dld to Engine men at the late fire at Mr Robbin's Shop, to those persons that have not presented their bills this day——

Voted. to Grant the following sums of Money for the following purposes

Viz For the support of the Poor — — — — — $1200,, 00
For the support of the Minister — — — — — — 570,, 00
For incidental expences — — — — — — — — 200,, 00

Voted To Accept the report of the Trustees of Ministerial Funds & place the same on the town files, which is as follows (Viz.

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial funds in conformity to the Act of Incorporation, present to the Town the following statement of their proceedings the last year & of the existing state of their Funds (Viz)

Since the last Annual Statement they have received from the towns Committee a Deed of the Ministerial house & Land which Rents for the sum of $100 a year, they have also received from another of the town's Committee Notes of hand taken by them for the Sales of the Town's Pews

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In the Meeting house, amounting to the sum of $406.—— which is sufficiently secured——No Lands have been sold dureing the last year & no other additions made to their Funds——They have now in Money on Interest with sufficient security the sum of $3156,,50 the income of which is now due is $227,,53 & the Rent of the Real Estate for the last year amounts to $255 makeing in all the sum of $482,,53 to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Town as the same may be collected

all which is Respectfuly submitted
by order of the Trustees

Watertown April 3d 1820—— Levi Thaxter Treasurer

Voted to Accept of the report of the Committee chosen to purchase the Galliries & see what repairs is neſseſsary to be done on in or about the Meeting house so far as respects the parts in front of the Meeting house & bancking up——
Voted that the remainder of said report concerning the purchase of the Galliries, lay open to our next Meeting

Voted to Accept of the report of the committee chosen to see what repairs are neſseſsary to be made on the School houses
Voted to grant $180——to carry the same into effect
Voted & chose the same committee to cause said repairs to be made Viz—

Amos Livermore Junr
Luke Bemis—
Gilbert Nichols

Voted That the support of the Poor be left to the discretion & Care of the Selectmen——Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to the May Meeting——then to meet at this place after the choise of Representatives

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of Mr Luke Robbinson held April 3^d 1820——

They leased the Hay scales, to Deacon John Tucker One year from the 1st day of April Ins^t for $21,,00 he to keep, & leave the same in good repair
Also, they appointed George Coolidge Sealer of Weights & Measures, who appeared & took the Oath of said office, before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton April 24th 1820——proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Agreed to appoint the following persons as Weighers of Beef the ensueing Year (Viz)—

Amasa Jackson
Daniel Bird sworn

2^d Agreed with Mark Voſse to board John Remington one year from May 1st 1820 at sixty Dollars pr year the town to

be exempt from all other expences, except clotheing, Also with him to board George Bourn & wife One year from May 1st 1820 for One Dollar & fifty Cents being seventy five cents each

3d Agreed with Samuel Letch to board Robert Sanders for One Dollar & fifty cents pr Week during his life

4th Appointed Coolidge P Wood Sexton for one year from May 3d 1820 and, agreed to give him Thirty Dollars pr Year for Ringing the Bell takeing care of & sweeping the Meeting house——and———for makeing fires in the Stoves when neſseſsary in the Meeting house:——& for attending funerals

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Of Adults, Three Dollars & fifty Cents in the Summer & four Dollars in the Winter, & for Children in propotion——

5th Agreed with Josiah Bright to keep, & board, David Barnard one year from April 1st 1820 for twenty Dollars pr Year——

6th The Selectmen isued the following Warrant (Viz)

Middlesex ſs——To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown — — — — — — — —Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards, and resident in said town for the space of One Year next preceeding haveing a freehold Estate within said town of the anual Income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighth day of May next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing one, or more Representatives to Represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighth day of May next, at three of the Clock

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In the afternoon to Act on the following (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To know if the town will direct their fish Committee to prosecute those persons who they may find violateing the laws made to preserve our fishery in Charles River, or appoint a special committee for that purpose and Act any thing thereon——
3d To hear the petition of Thomas Clark Esqr John Clark & John H Clark and Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty fourth day of April AD 1820—

Levi Thaxter
Thomas Clark
Danl Bond
Charles Whitney
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 8th 1820——Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein expreſs'd by posting up two Copies of the above Warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

(Signed) Joseph Peirce Constable

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Mr Luke Robbinson May 1t 1820——

They appointed Elijah Harris & Samuel Learned 2d for Engine men for Engine N° 1——

Also, they appointed Samuel Learned Auctioneer for the ensueing year
Also, They appointed Isaac Dana & Luke Robbinson surveyors of Wood & Bark——

Luke Bemis was this day sworn as Surveyor of Highways— & Isaac Dana & Luke Robbinson was sworn as Measurers of Wood by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also, The Selectmen allow'd the following Accounts and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Samuel Hyde for Boarding Jon[a] Nuting from March 30th 1819 to March 30th 1820 & Cloathing supply'd him	85,, 50
To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow White from Sept[r] 6th 1819 to May 1[s] 1820	51,, 00
To Mehetibell Segar for her Support from Nov 1 1819 to April 3[d] 1820 22 Weeks——@ 4/6	16,, 50
To Thomas Whitney for boarding Lucy White from March 2[d] 1819 to March 2[d] 1820	39,, 00
To Samuel Letch for boarding Sundry persons from Feb[ry] 1st 1820 to May 1st 1820 & for Clothes supplyed them	55,, 50
To Dan[l] Jackson for boarding Fred[k] Remington One year to May 1st 1820	30,, 00

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To John Stimpson Jun[r] to Mending Bucketts & cleaning Engine in Sep[tr] 1819	6,, 00
To Richard Sanger his Acc[t] in full for takeing care of the Meeting house 1 year to May 3[d] 1820 for labour & attending the funerals of M[rs] Whitney Mifs Pollards Child & Moses Warren	40,, 00
To the Administrator of Jacob Farrer deceased for the support of Benjamin Whitney 1 year	20,, 00

signed—— Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, John Fowle, Dan[l] Bond } Selectmen of Watertown

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May— Meeting

Agreeably to the Warrant, the Inhabitants qualified to Vote for Representatives, assembled May the 8, 1820 The Selectmen presideing they proceeded as follows

(Viz) 1st Voted to choose One Representative——
the Votes were then call'd for which stood as follows

(Viz) for	Levi Thaxter Esqr Ninety votes — — —	90
"	Marshall B Spring Esqr Seventeen votes —	17
"	Seth Bemis——One dº — — — — — — —	1
"	Nathl R Whitney Esqr One dº — — —	1
		109 Total

Levi Thaxter was then declared as chosen——who then publicly accepted to serve

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the Warrant isued by the Selectmen dated the 24th day of April 1820 the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs——assembled May the 8th 1820——& proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

2d Voted that the fish committee be ortherised to prosecute in the name of the town all those persons who they may find violateing the law respecting the takeing of fish in Charles River

3d Article, no petition presented

Voted that this Meeting be disolvd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March Meeting Adjd

May 8th 1820 March Meeting was then declared to be open by adjournment from April 3d 1820——& proceeded as follows Viz

Article 15 Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to examine & settle the Acc^{t} with Jonas & Leonard Bond Viz

for rent of house ocupied by Charles Nutting in full up to April 1st 1820 & Voted to Grant Money to pay the same — — — — — — — — — — — — 112,, 50

Article 16th Voted, that the town give John Hunting two hundred Dollars for a quitance in the new Galliries together with all the pew doors & stuff in the same & Granted Money to pay the same——

Voted, to continue seats from the old ones in the side Galliries through the new ones in the same form they now are & alter the front Galliery & singers seats into an eliptical Arch, agreeable to the plan exhibited & Granted One Hundred

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& fifty Dollars to carry the same into effect——

Voted, to choose a committee of three persons to accomplish said work Voted & chose for said committee

Samuel Learned
John Clark
Luke Bemis

Voted to grant Thirty Dollars to paint the pulpit & that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry the same into effect——

Voted to dissolve the Meeting—

Att^{s} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held the 3^{d} day of June 1820——they isued the following Warrant

Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown—— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the twelfth day of June Ins^{t} at three of

the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To hear the report of their committee to make alterations in the Galliries, And Act any thing thereon.—

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3d To know the minds of the town, Whether they will direct their committee for makeing alterations in the Galliries to build pews (in lieu of seats) agreeable to the plan which is then to be exibited, & act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the town will grant money to purchase a Clock to be placed in the front Galliries or else where, as the town shall think propper & act any thing thereon——
5th To know if the town will make any alterations in the Deacon's seats and act any thing thereon

Hereoff fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this 3d day of June AD 1820

Levi Thaxter } Selectmen
John Fowle } of
Signed— Daniel Bond } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 12th 1820——Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentiond, by posting up two coppies of the said Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Joseph Peirce, Constable—

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown aſsembled June 12th 1820 & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Doctor Walter Hunnewell for Moderator

2d Voted to postpone this Meeting to our next March Meeting

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Watertown June 14th 1820——

To the Selectmen of the town of Watertown

The Subscribers Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town requests that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be call'd on the 26 day of June Inst To Act on the following Articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To know the minds of the town whether they will reconsider their Vote of the 12th Inst so as to hear the report of their committe for makeing alterations in the Galliries & direct their committee to build pews in the side Galliries instead of seats, agreeable to a plan which will then be exibited & Act any thing thereon

Signed by

John Hunting
Jerome Hersey
Luther Barrett
Thomas Soden
Lewis Upham
Isaac Dana
Gilbert Nichols
Samuel Bird
Joseph Peirce
Jona Whitney Junr
Edward Lowd 2d
Walter Hunnewell
John Clark
Zebediah Bradford
Benn Hoyt
Asaph Whitcomb

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Amasa Jackson
Phinehas Sanderson
Luke Robertson
Marshall S Fowle
John M Harris
Hezekiah Bacon
Mason Hunting
Coolidge P Wood
Miles Sprague
Wm Shephard
William Ellis
Henry Taylor
Amasa Davies
Alexander Stewart
Abram Sanger
Charles Bent
David Bill
James Davis
Samuel Eaton
Francies Leathe
Peter Cockran
Emery Whitney
William Horn
Wm Nichols
Benn Wood
Samuel Somes

Isaac Rufsell	Phinehas Learned
Joseph Bird	Dan[l] Learned
Elip[t] Pearsons	Ben[n] Stevens
Adams Goodenough	Edward Lowd
Samuel Learned	Horatio Whitney
Richard Sanger	Elijah Hager
Miles Sprague Ju[r]	Elbridge Jones
Ebed Sprague	David Hager

A Tru Copy Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M[r] Elisha Stratton the 22 day of June 1820 for the purpose of takeing into consideration the foregoing petition for a town Meeting——It was proposed by Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Capt John Fowle to isue a Warrant upon said petition & opposed by Levi Thaxter Cap[t] Daniel Bond

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And Charles Whitney for the following reasons (Viz)

1st because at the adjournment of March Meeting held May last on the 8th day various proppositions for building Pews in the Galliries was brought forword & fully discussed, and rejected; and it was then Voted shou'd be finished in long seat & a committee schosen to procure the same to done

2[d] because at a town Meeting held on the 12th Ins[t] there was an Article in the Warrant to know if the town would build Pews and it was voted that the further consideration of the subject be refer'd to March next

3[d] because it is a very busy season of the year and it will be extreemely inconvenient, & injurious to a great propotion of the Inhabitants to leave their businefs to attend a town meeting at this time

4th because the businefs proposed by the petition, if proper to be laid before the town, does not require their amediate attention, and no possible injury can result from its being delayed untill a Meeting of the Inhabitants which may be requir'd for other purposes which will be in the Month of August next

Accordingly there was no Warrant isued——and the foregoing Petition together with the objections for not granting the Warrant was order'd to be recorded at full length—

Att[s] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce, one of the Constables of the town of Watertown—— Greeting.

Whereas, John Hunting and nine others, freeholders of the said town of Watertown have represented to me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County, that application hath been made to Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, John Fowle, Daniel Bond & Charles Whitney Selectmen of said town, to call a meeting, of the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town Meetings.——

1st To choose a Moderator of said meeting.——
2d To know the minds of the town, whether they will reconsider their Vote past the twelfth Inst so as to hear the report of their Committee for makeing alterations in the Galliries, & direct their Committee to build pews in the side Galliries instead of seats, agreeably to a plan which will then be exibited, or act any thing thereon but, they have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting and have therefore made application to me to call one for those purposes——

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to require you to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law, to Vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 3d day of July next at four of the Clock in the afternoon for the purposes above mentioned.——

Hereof fail not & return hereof with your doings thereon .

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Unto the town Clerk on or before the time for holding said Meeting.——

Given under My hand & Seal this twenty ninth of June AD 1820.

(Signed) Joseph Ruſsell

Middlesex ſs, Watertown July 3 1820. pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town meetings, to aſsemble

at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned, by giveing verbal notice.

(signed.) Joseph Peirce, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, assembled the 3d day of July 1820——proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted, & chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator

2d Voted, to reconsider their Vote pas'd the 12 of June and hear the report of their committee chosen the 8th of May last to make alterations in the Galliries of the Meeting house. Voted, to accept & file the Report 72 voted for & 59 against——which Report is as follows (Viz)

The Committee appointed by the town for the purpose of altering & repairing the Galliries in the Meeting house beg leave to make the following Report for the consideration of the Inhabitants of the town. Immediately after receiveing the Copy of the Vote from the Town Clerk

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They proceeded to make preparation for carrying it into effect, & made a contract with Mr Amasa Davies to Circle the front Galliries & build the Singers's seats and find all the Materials for the sum of One hundred Dollars, they further contracted with Jerome Hersey to paint the front & side Galliries the new work three coats & the old work two together with the posts in the Galliries & the caps on the Singers Seats for the Sum of Fourteen Dollars. They have also put on Iron railings with curtains in front of the Singers which will cost Thirteen Dollars, makeing in the whole the sum of One hundred & twenty seven Dollars.—— here your committee at the earnest solisitations of a large number of Citizens came to a stand, & have not proceeded to do any thing to the side Galliries untill the sence of the town could be taken to know if they will so far reconsider the vote to finish them all with seats, as to build a row of Pews in each Galliry agreeably to a plan which will then be exibited, On this subject your committee would beg leave to state that from admasurement, & the best estimation they can make there will be about as much room left

for seats as there now are in the old Galliries & the difference in expence between puting in the Pews as proposed, & finishing all with seats will probably be about Seventy five Dollars, and that the whole expence to finish said Galliries in good Stile with pews & seats will be one hundred

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And forty Dollars or say One hundred & twenty five Dollars in addition to the sum all ready Granted. And further your committee would beg the indulgence to say, that from the numerous applications for seats from persons who cannot obtain them below they think there cannot be no reasonable doubt but that the pews will rent for enough every year to pay the expence of building them.

All which is Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Sam[l] Learned, John Clark } Committee

Voted to accept of the foregoing Report

It was then Motioned by Levi Thaxter Esq[r] to postpone the Meeting to next August which pafs'd in the negative 48 voteing for & 59 against postponeing——

It was then Motioned by Jonas White Esq[r] that the Selectmen be directed to build Pews in the new part of the Galliries as soon as convenient or as many as they should think would be nefsefsary for the convenience of the town, which motion also pas'd in the negative 41 voteing for & 54 against.

It was then Voted, that the committee Chosen last May to alter the Galliries Viz Sam[l] Learned John Clark & Luke Bemis go on and finish the side Galliries with one row of Pews in each side Galliry & seats in the rear agreeably to the plan exibited by them 56 voteing for & 39 against the alteration

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Levi Thaxter Esq[r] then rose & read the following Protest

To Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk of Watertown

The Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown haveing been notified to attend a town meeting this day at four of the Clock in the afternoon in pursuance to a Warrant purporting to have been isued by Joseph Rufsell Esq[r] a Justice of the peace within & for the County of Middlesex & made returnable to you as Town Clerk believeing it to be a most extraordinary proceedure, & under the circumstances of the case to be highly impropper & illegal, feel it our duty to protest against the same, because we consider that no Justice of the Peace has power to issue a warrant to summon the Inhabitants of any town to aſsemble in town meeting but upon the application of ten, or more freeholders of such town when the Selectmen have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting upon any public occasion; and in such a case we conceive that it would be the duty of a Justice of the Peace to hear the parties in order to determine whether they had been unreasonably denied & to know if the appication was made by persons orthorised by law to make it; In the present instance the Selectmen affirm that they have not unreasonably denied to call a Meeting but that the said Justice not haveing notified the town or Selectmen of the appication and without the propper & neſseſsary enquirey in Order

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To determine whether there had been an unreasonable denial on the part of the Selectmen or not, and without being applyed to by ten or more of the freeholders of the town for the purpose, has illegally & without any orthority issued the present Warrant & therefore no constable or other person is bound to receive or execute it; and no transaction under it can have any legal opperation. We therefore hereby protest against the same and all proceedings under it

July 2[d] 1820——

(signed) Levi Thaxter
Dan[l] Bond
Charles Whitney

**Editorial Note:—original script pages were numbered incorrectly, giving two pages marked—351.*

The foregoing protest together with the following Petition was order'd to be recorded, (Viz)

To Joseph Rufsell Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace within & for the County of Middlesex——

The Subscribers freeholders & Inhabitants of the town of Watertown in said County shew that application hath been made to Levi Thaxter Thomas Clark John Fowle Dan[l] Bond & Charles Whitney Selectmen of said town to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof duly qualified to Vote in town Meetings—

1st To choose a Moderator
2[d] To know the minds of the town whether they will reconsider their Vote pas'd the twelfth Ins[t] so as to hear the Report of their Committee for Making alterations in the Galliries & direct their Committee

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To build Pews in the side Galliries instead of seats agreeably to a Plan which will then be exibited, or act any thing thereon, But they have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting for that purpose; they therefore request that you will isue a Warrant as the law in such cases directs, for calling a Meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose aforesaid.—

Watertown June 24th 1820 (Signed) John Hunting
Phinehas Sanderson
Isaac Dana
Walter Hunnewell
Luther Barrett
Isaac Rufsell
John Clark
Sam[l] Learned
Jerome Hersey
Amasa Jackson

A Tru Copy Att[e]

Joseph Rufsell. Justice of the Peace—

It was then Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Att[st] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held August 7th 1820—They agreed to allow the following A/c & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same. Viz.

To Samˡ Latch for boarding Robert Sanders from May 1st to July 31 1820 13 Weeks @ 9/ &C — — $18,, 58

To Francis Hager for boarding G Bourne & wife 13 Weeks to July 31st 1820 @ 9/ &C— — — — — 20,, 00

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To Samuel Brigham for Meal dl'd to Samˡ White for the support of William White's Children from June 1st 1819 to 25th of July 1820 60 Weeks @ 3/ pr Week — — — — — — — — 30,, 00

To James Robbins for Sundrys dl'd the family of Moses Warren Junr at his decease — — — — 7,, 66

To Isaac Dana for makeing Coffin for Mrs Pollard's Child & Moses Warren — — — — — 5,, 50

To Stephen Cook for Mrs Bray's house rent for 1 year from March 1st 1819 — — — — — — — 25,, 00

To G & C Coolidge for Sundrys dld Engine men at the fire of Mr Robbins Shop &C — — — 6,, 54

To Samuel Learned for his premium for Collecting Taxes committed him to collect July 19th 1820 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Also—the Selectmen isued the following Warrant Viz

Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives & Senators in the General Court, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of august Inst at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes by ballot on this question (Viz)

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Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of reviseing or altering the Constitution of Government of this Common Wealth——

Also—You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of August Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon——
3d To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Galliries & paſs any order about the seats in the Galliries & Act any thing thereon

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen at or before the times appointed for said meetings——

Given under our hands & Seals this seventh day of August AD 1820—

signed— Levi Thaxter, Thos Clark, Dan[l] Bond, Charles Whitney } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Middlesex, ſs Watertown Augusᵗ 21st 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſs'd to Meet at the times and place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of these Warrants at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meetings—

Joseph Peirce, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled at the public Meeting house in Watertown August 21st 1820 And in conformity to an Act of this

Commonwealth, pafs'd June 16th 1820, for the purpose of assertaining the minds of the town whether they think it expedient to choos delegates to meet in convention for the purpose of reviseing the Constitution of Goverment of this Commonwealth proceeded as follows Viz.—

The Selectmen presideing, call'd for the Yeas and Nays, to be brought in by Ballot, which was accordingly brought in counted & sorted & declared as follows (Viz)

For chooseing Delegates Fifty Votes
Against said Measure Five Votes

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town affairs afsembled at the public meeting house August 21—1820 & proceeded to Act on the Articles as sett forth in said Warrant as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Walter Hunnewell for Moderator

2d Voted to accept the report presented by the committee chosen March 20 1820, to enquire into the situation of the privilidges the town of Watertown have in, & about their Wharf in Cambridge, (as you may see on file)—Voted that the said Committee be & they are, hereby impower'd to sell & convey said Wharf & privilidges, or lease the same as they may think for the Interest of the town.——

The Committee chosen May the 8th 1820 to finish the Galliries presented a report of their doing, upon which it was motioned, that it should be postponed to our next Meeting, & chose a committee to investigate the legality of the Meeting held the 3d day of July last at which Meeting said committee had instructions from the town to build Pews in front of the side Galliries instead of seats which motioned was negatived——24 vote for postponeing & 25 against said measure——

It was then Motioned to accept said report which also passd in the negative 23 for & 24 against——

The town then Voted to dissolve the meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen September 4th 1820——They approbated the following persons as Innholders & Retailors (Viz)

For Innholders { Mark Vose, Samuel Bellows, Luke Robbinson, Elisha Stratton

For Retailors { John Clark, Thaddeus Cole, George Coolidge

Also, they appointed Joseph Reed & Jacob Wyman Engine men for the Engine call'd the Relief——

Also, the Selectmen & Afsefsors drew the following order. Viz.

To Abijah White Esqr Treasurer for the town of Watertown, Sir, the Selectmen & Afsefsors at a meeting held this day (Viz)

September 4th 1820 abated the following persons Taxes by their request (Viz)

John Stimpson's — — — — — — —	$1,, 66
John Stimpson Junr — — — — — —	1,, 66
William Bradford — — — — — —	6,, 83
Inman Fesenden — — — — — — —	1,, 66

it being the whole amount of their several Taxes for 1819 which sums you are to receive of Samuel Learned Collector for 1819 as so much Money for the list committed to him for said year.

signed) Thomas Clark, Gilbert Nichols } Afsefsors

Levi Thaxter, Charles Whitney, John Fowle, Daniel Bond } Selectmen

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held Octr 2^{d} 1820 the following Acct^{s} were allow'd & an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same (Viz)

To Smith Adams for boarding & Nursing Ann Green 8 Weeks to July 14th 1820	28,, 00
To Hannah Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney from May 1^{t} to Octr 1st 1820 22 Weeks @ 9/	33,, —
To William Penniman for support of Mrs Fowle one year from 10th Octr 1819	65.—
To Thaddeus Cole for Articles dl'd Engine men at Mr Robbin's fire &C.	10.17
To Jonathan Whitney for boarding & Clothing Joseph Whitney & Children	20.—
To Upham & Whitney for going to Charleston for Joseph Whitney & Children &C	5.—
To James Robbins for Moveing Wall & setting fence on Ministerial Land	10.—
To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter to 1st Octr 1820, 43 Weeks @ 6/	43.—
To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington from May 1st 1819 to May 1^{t} 1820	60.—
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren One year from Octr 1st 1819	35.—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1820 August Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Watertown for the ensueing Year before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Middlesex ſs, To Elisha W Dana one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants

of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixteenth day of October Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for one or more Deligates, to meet Deligates in from other towns in Convention on the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose of reviseing the Constitution of Goverment of this Commonwealth.

You are also, hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixteenth day of Octr Ins^{t} at four of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^{d} To know if the town will give any additional authority or instructions to their Committee relative to the disposal of the Wharf in Cambridge and act any thing thereon.——

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3^{d} To know if the town will take into consideration the report of the Committee chosen May 8th 1820 to finish the Galliries in the Meeting house, & see what method they will take to dispose of their Pews in the same, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not, & make return of these warrants with your doings thereon to the Seleƈtmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this 2^{d} day of October 1820

(signed) Levi Thaxter, John Fowle, Danl Bond } Seleƈtmen of Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown Octr 16 1820

Pursuant to the above Warrants I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſs'd, to meet at the times & place, & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two Copies of the warrants at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting——

(signed) Elisha W Dana, Constable

Agreeably to the above Warrants the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown aſsembled the Sixteenth Day of Octr AD 1820——and proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted to send but one Deligate——

2^{d} Voted & choose Doct^{r} Walter Hunnewell for said Deligate

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the Warrant the Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town affairs aſsembled Octr 16th 1820, & proceeded as follows, (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Doct^{r} Walter Hunnewell for Moderator

2^{d} Voted that the Committee chosen March 20 1820 to enquire into the situation of our wharf in Cambridge have, the right to purchase (as well as to sell & convey) said Wharf in Cambridge if they shall think it for the Interest of the town.——

3^{d} Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chosen the 8th of May 1820 to finish the Galliries——
Voted that the Treasurer pay the amount of the bill attached to the same (Viz) 283,,62 of which $150. Dollars was granted by the town May 8th 1820

4th Voted to choose a committee to lease the Pews in front of the Galliries belonging to the town

Voted & chose for said Committee { Adam Brown, Paul Learned, Gilbert Nichols

5th Voted to dissolve the Meeting——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held the 24th Octr 1820 They isued the following Warrant——Viz)

Middlesex ſs. To Elisha W Dana one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for

Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of Novr next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congreſs of the United States, for the Middlesex District. Also, to give in their Votes for One Elector for said District & two Electors at large for President & Vice President of the United States.——Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals, this twenty fourth day of October AD 1820—

Signed) Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, John Fowle, Daniel Bond } Selectmen of Watertown

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Middlesex ſs. Watertown November 6th 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two Copies of this Warrant, at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

(signed) Elisha W Dana Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſs'd aſsembled at the public Meeting house on Monday the 6th day of Novr 1820——The Selectmen presideing who call'd for the Votes for a Representative to Represent the people of this Commonwealth for the Middlesex district, which were as follows (Viz.)

Hon. Timothy Fuller had Nine Votes
Hon John Hart had Nine Votes
Hon Samuel P P. Fay had—Eleven Votes

Votes for Electors were then call'd for brought in & were as follows (Viz)

For Elector for the Middlesex District

Hon. Samuel Dana had twenty two Votes
Hon. Asahael Stearns had Eleven Votes

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For Electors at large.——

Hon. Benjamin W Crowninshield had Nineteen Votes
Hon Levi Lincoln had Seventeen Votes
Hon William Phillips had twelve Votes
Hon William Gray had Fourteen Votes

All of which was publickly declared by the Selectmen, openly in said Meeting.——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Mr Elisha Stratton Novr 6. 1820——They allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz

To Francis Hager for boarding Geo C. Bourn & wife from August 1 1820 to Oct 30th — — — — —	19,, 50
To Jerome Hersey to setting Glafs painting the Pulpit Windows & Doors &C. In the Meeting-house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	32,, 17
To Zacheus Pond for the Amount due the Estate of the late Mary Whitney for boarding Widow White from May 1t 1820 to Augst 28th 1820 17 Weeks @ 8/ — — — — — — — — — — — — —	22,, 66
To Saml Latch for boarding Robt Sanders from August 1st 1820 to Oct 30th 1820 — — — — — —	18,, 17
To Josiah Bright for support of David Barnerd One year ending 30th day of April 1820 — — —	25,, 00

(Signed) Levi Thaxter, Thos Clark, John Fowle, Charles Whitney — Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held January 1s 1821——they agreed to allow the following Accts and drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same Viz)

To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from December 1st 1819 to December 1st 1820 @ 7/6 — 65.—

To Levi Thaxter his Acct as pr Bill — — — — 18.94

To Zacheus Pond his Acct — — — — — — — — 5,, 11

To Samuel Birds Acct — — — — — — — — — 31,, 20

To Charles Whitney's Acct — — — — — — — — 96,, 94

Also, the Selectmen appointed Moses Chenery and Elisha W Dana as Fish Agents for the ensuing year

Also, the Selectmen appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the Ensueing Year (Viz)

For Engine No 1

Isaac Rusell
George Coolidge
Abraham Lincoln
Amasa Jackson
Charles Bent
Charles Coolidge
Reuben Eaton
John Bond——
John Harris
Luther Sifson
Daniel Waters
Benjamin Stevens
Warren White
Ebenr Tucker Jur
George Newhall
Elijah Harris

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For the Engine Call'd the Relief

Nathl Weld
Gilbert Nichols
Nathl R Whitney Jur
James Robbins
Elijah Ray
Jerom Hersey
Thomas Soden
Coolidge P Wood
Charles H Chandler
John M Harris
Benjamin F Farrer
Hezekiah Bacon
Francis Leathe
Henry Taylor
Alexander Meacham
Joseph Reed
Jacob B Wyman

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held Feby 6th 1821 they agreed to allow the following Accounts, & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Samuel Latch for boarding Robert Sanders from 1st Novr 1820 to 30th Jany 1821 13 Weeks @ 8/ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 33

To Widow Hannah Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney from Oct 1st 1820 to 3d Febr 1821— 18 Weeks @ 9/ — — — — — — — — — — — —	27,, 00
To Isaac Dana for Work done on the Bridge up to Novr 4th 1820 — — — — — —	4,, 1
To John Hunting in consideration for the Galliries as agreed by the town May 8th 1820 — — —	200.00

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held March 5th 1821 they agreed to allow the following Accts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To John Clark for Sundry Articles of Clothing for the Poor of the town — — — — — — — — —	74,, 24
To Zacheus Pond for boarding Widdow White from 28th August 1820 to 5th March 1821. 17 Weeks @ 8/ — — — — — — — — — — — —	36,, —
To Isaac Rufsell for Repairs on Engine No 1 —	12,, 12
Abraham Lincoln for setting posts at the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 75
Levi Thaxter's acct of Sundrys — — — — — —	10,, 78
Town of Charlestown for Supplys furnished Jo Whitney & Family — — — — — — — — — — —	45.64
To Francis Hager for boarding George Bourne & Wife from 1s of Novr 1820 to 5th March 1821 —	27,, 00
To Samuel Learned for his Servicies as Constable for the year 1819 — — — — — — — — —	15.00
Doctr Nathl Bemis for Medicine & attendance on Ann Green — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 75
Coolidge P Wood for work on the Bridge — — —	11,, 65
Joseph Peirce for labour on the Bridge — — —	8,, 50
To Elisha Stratton for entertainment of the Selectmen — — — — — — — — — — — — —	18,, 50
To Doctr Nathl Bemis for Medicine & attendance on Mary Pollards Child — — — — — — — — —	2,, 50

To Luke Robbinson for entertaining the Select-men ——————————————— 6.75

Amaziah Howard for entertainment of fish Committee ——————————————— 2,, 0

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Also, they isued the following Warrant——Viz—

Middlesex. ſs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Ninetenth day of March Instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles. Viz—

1ſt To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To know if the town will direct what compensation the several Officers of the town shall receive for their servicies and Act any thing thereon——
3d To choose all town Officers required by law to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually——
4th To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his servicies——
5th To determine whether swine & neat cattle shall go at large the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year, & grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon
7th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the highways in said town & Act any thing thereon——
8th To hear the Accts of those persons to whom the town are indebted to, & Grant money to pay the same, and Act any thing thereon——

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9 To hear the report of any committee for makeing estimates for the year ensueing & Act any thing thereon
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & Grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon——

11th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon——
12 To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of their Treasury & Act any thing thereon
13 To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Act any thing thereon
15 To know if the town direct their Selectmen to remove the gate in the lower burying ground further down the Coolidge lane, or Act any thing thereon——
16 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house & Act any thing thereon—
17th To know if the town will direct in what manner the Engine ladders &C belonging to the town, shall be kept in repair & Act any thing thereon——

Also, you are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town qualified to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Nineteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes,

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For County Register & County Treasurer——

Hereof fail not & make return of these warrants with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this fifth day of March AD 1821

(Signed) Levi Thaxter, Thos Clark, John Fowle, Danl Bond, Charles Whitney } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

Return on Warrant

Middlesex ss. Watertown March 19th 1821——
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified

as therein expreſsed to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrants at the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

(Signed) Joˢ Peirce Constable

March Meeting

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, aſsembled in publick Town Meeting on Monday March 19th 1821, and proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz.

1 Voted & Chose Doct Walter Hunnewell Moderator

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2d Voted & Chose William Whitney Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Thomˢ Clark Esq J Peace

Voted & Chose Abijah White Esq Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen
- Levi Thaxter
- Thomas Clark
- Luke Bemis
- Joshua Coolidge Jr.
- Elisha Livermore

Voted & Chose for Aſseſsors
- Thomas Clark
- Nathaniel R Whitney
- Abijah White

Voted to adjourn this meeting till after the votes are taken for county Register & Treasurer which according to Warrant is to commence at two Oclock this afternoon & was declar'd adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Meeting for County Regr & Treasurer

Agreeably to Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives aſsembled in

publick Town meeting March 19th 1821, And brought in their votes which were sorted, counted, & declar'd by Walter Hunnewell Moderator to be as follows. Viz—

County Register — Samuel Bartlett Esq had forty five Votes; Capt Isaac Train had Seventy Votes

For County Treasurer — John Keyes Esq had Sixty five Votes; Abiel Heywood had thirty one Votes; Isaac Barnard had one vote

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to adjournment the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows. Viz—

Voted & Chose for Constables — Enoch Wiswall; Daniel A Tainter

Voted & Chose for Fenceviewers — Paul Learned; Peter Clark and was excus'd; William Stone; Nathaniel Bright

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen — Thomas Learned; Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market — Thadeus Cole; James Robbins

Voted & Chose for Field drivers — George Coolidge; Moses Bright; John H Clark; Samuel Bellows; Thomas Richardson; Nathaniel Bright; Zacheus Pond; Nathaniel Weld; Phineas Learned; Elisha W Dana; Joseph Bird

Voted & chose the following persons for Hogreeves Viz—— Sam[l] Learned, James Davis, Christopher Grant, Charles Coolidge, Thomas Bolter,* Daniel Sangar, Moses Whit-

Editorial Note:—possibly Bolten.

ney Jun. Josiah Stone, John Coolidge, Joshua Learned, Nathaniel Bright, William J White, James Peirce, Benjamin Woods, Samuel Somes, Daniel Waters, Emery Whitney, Andrew Burridge, Phineas Harrington, Charles Patten.

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Levi Thaxter
- Seth Bemis
- Thomas Learned
- William Stone & was excus'd
- Thomas Clark
- Hosea Stoddard
- Moses Chenery

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber
- Caleb Lincoln
- Isaac Dana

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Isaac Dana
- William Horn

Voted & chose a committee for selecting Firewards

Voted & Chose for said committee
- John Fowle
- Thomas Clark
- Gilbert Nichols

Voted & Chose for Firewards
- Levi Thaxter
- Adam Brown
- John Hunting
- John Clark
- Eliakim Morse
- Thomas Learned
- Luke Bemis
- Elisha Livermore

Voted & Chose for Fish committee
- Cornelius Stone
- Nathaniel Stone
- Mark Vose
- Amasa Jackson
- William M Pomroy
- Moses Whitney

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Voted & chose Jeremiah Rufsell Pound keeper

4th Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen to choose a Sexton & the town to grant money to pay him for his services

5th Voted that Neat Cattle be allowed to run at large from sun rise untill 9 Oclock in the evening the ensuing year

6th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for schools, to be appropriated for the several districts as last year.

7th Voted to grant for highways twenty five cents upon every rateable Poll, & other estates in proportion, each Man to be allowed 12½ cents pr hour, & a good team the same as a Man, & that they shall begin to work at 7 Oclock in the morning, & work 10 hours for a day. Voted that the Aſsefsors complete the Taxes, & give the Surveyors their lists, on or before the first day of April next. Voted that the last year Surveyors return their lists, on or before the first day of June next

8th Voted to postpone this article untill April Meeting

9th Voted to accept that part of the committee's report which is to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the Poor & three hundred dollars for other contingences as may be seen on file

10th Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting repairs on School houses & grant money to pay the balance of their account which sum appears to be $93.17 as may be seen on file

11th Voted that the Poor shall be supported in the way & manner the Selectmen shall think most proper
Voted to choose a committee to inquire what will be the best method of supporting the Poor of the Town in future, and if a suitable situation can be procured for establishing a Poor house, & the probable expense of such an establishment & the saving if any, that may be made in keeping the Poor together, & make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

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Voted & Chose for said committee
- Nathaniel Bemis
- Levi Thaxter
- John Fowle & was excus'd
- Nathaniel Bright & was ex'd
- John Hunting

12th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen (who were chosen a committee to examine said account) & place the same on file which is as follows. Viz

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged with the sum of		$7697.19
And he is credited by payments made to sundry persons with the sum of	5402,, 37	
By outstanding Taxes in collectors hands	2172,, 91	$7697.19
By cash in Treasurers hands,	121.91	

13th Voted to farm out the Taxes as last year by the Selectmen at 7 Oclock this evening

14th Voted to take off the restriction of shooting Robbins

15th Voted that the Gentlemen Selectmen be a committee for removing the gate at the lower burying place & make such other repairs as they shall think necefsary.

16th Voted that the pews in the Meeting house owned by the Town be leased at publick auction by the committee for 1 yr from the 1st of May next which committee as appears by record consists of the following persons. Viz. Adam Brown, Paul Learned, & Gilbert Nichols.

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17th Voted that the Firewards be authorized at all time to make such repairs upon the Engines, as they shall think proper & procure such Ladders, fire hooks, & other apparatus usually attached to Engines as they may deem expedient & present their accounts to the Selectmen for allowance.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for the purpose of letting out the Taxes at auction to the lowest bidder choosing Collector &c. to the House of Mr Luke Robinson at 7 Oclock this evening——Adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment met at the House of Mr Luke Robinson March 19th 1821. And the Taxes were put up at auction by Levi Thaxter Esq & bid off by Capt Saml Learned for 1⅝ cents on a dollar

Voted & chose Capt Samuel Learned Collector

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 4 Oclock in the afternoon—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Oaths 1821

March 19th The following persons took the oaths of their respective Offices Viz Abijah White Treasr Thomas Clark, Nath[l] R Whitney as aſseſsors Moses Bright, Zacheus Pond, Phinehas Learned, Elisha W Dana, as Field drivers, Daniel Sangar, John Coolidge, Joshua Learned, Benjamin Wood, Daniel Waters, Emery Whitney, as Hogreeves Isaac Dana Surveyor of Lumber also Culler of Hoops & Staves March 22d Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, Luke Bemis Joshua Coolidge Jun. Elisha Livermore as Selectmen Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, as Surveyors of Highways March 23d Paul Learned, William Stone as Fenceviewers before William Whitney T. Clerk

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Selectmen's Meeting

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the House of Elisha Stratton March 22d 1821——Appointed Coolidge P Wood Sexton for 1 year from the third day of May 1821 And agreed to pay him $35 for his services including the Bell ringing, putting up & taking down the Stoves, & funnels, sawing Wood, sweeping &c. for attending funerals of Adults three Dollars & fifty cents in the Summer & four dollars in Winter & for Children in proportion

Appointed George Coolidge sealer of Weights & Measures for the ensuing year

Appointed as Weighers of Beef
- Amasa Jackson
- Adolphus Cannon
- Daniel Bird

Warrant for April Meeting

Also iſsued the two following Warrants, Viz.

Middlesex ſs.

To Maj Joseph Peirce one of the Conſtables for the town of Watertown———————— Greeting

You are hereby forthwith required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to warn the Male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of said commonwealth

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals at said Watertown this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one—

Levi Thaxter
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
Elisha Livermore
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Return of Warrant

Middlesex ſs Watertown April 2d 1821——

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two Copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting house two sunday's prior to said meeting

(signed) Joe Peirce Constable

Warrant for April Meeting

Also To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown ——————————Greeting ——————————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Court, to meet at the Meeting house, on Monday the ninth day of April next at two of the clock in the afternoon to give their votes, by hand vote——for or against the several proposed articles of amendment

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To the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at said Watertown this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one

Levi Thaxter
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
Elisha Livermore
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Return on Warrant April 9th 1821

Watertown April 9th 1821, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrant at the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joˢ Peirce Constable

Meeting for Gov. & Lieut Gov

Agreeably to warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Counsellors, afsembled April 2d 1821 And their Votes were brought in, sorted, counted, & declared, (by Levi Thaxter Esq) to be as follows Viz—

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had sixty five votes
Hon. William Eustis had fifty four votes
Hon. Christopher Gore had one vote
Hon. Henry A S Dearbourn had one vote

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For Lieut Governor

Hon. William Phillips had sixty five votes
Hon. Levi Lincoln had fifty five votes
Levi Thaxter Esq had one vote

For Senators

Joseph Locke had sixty three votes
Samuel P P Fay had sixty four votes
Calvin Sangar had sixty two votes
Josep B Varnum had fifty eight votes
William Whittemore had fifty six votes
William Austin had fifty six votes
Samuel Dana had one vote

2d Voted to adjourn this meeting untill 7 Oclock this evening to the House of Elisha Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the votes——& was adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment of March meeting the Inhabitants afsembled April 2d 1821 and proceeded as follows, Viz

1st Voted to excuse Abijah White Esq from serving as Afsefsor by his own request——

2d Voted & Chose Amos Livermore Jun. in his stead——

3d Voted to excuse Daniel A Tainter from serving as Constable by his own request——

4th Voted & Chose Joseph Peirce in his stead——

5th Voted to accept the following accounts & grant Money to pay the same

" Gilbert Nichols for his services of Town Clerk, afsefsor, &c., the year past the sum total of — — $51.10

Luther Barrett for Plank, Boards &c. the sum of $32.23

6th Voted to accept the report of the committee for leasing the pews in the Galleries & place the same on file, which is as follows Viz

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We the Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town for the purpose of leasing the new Pews in the Galleries have attended to & leased the same at Auction, from Octr 23 1820 to May 1st 1821——

To the following persons at the sums annex'd their several names, Viz

No 1	In the West Gallery To James Robbins for	$3.00	paid
No 2	To John Hunting — — — — — — — — —	2,, 75	
N 3d	To Amasa Davis — — — — — — — — —	2,, 60	paid
N 4	To Miles Sprague — — — — — — — — —	2,, 75	
No 5	To Thomas Soden — — — — — — — — —	3,, 00	paid
No 6	To Thomas Dana — — — — — — — — —	4,, 00	
	East Gallery		
No 1	To John Hunting — — — — — — — — —	3,, 00	
N 2	To John Hunting — — — — — — — — —	2,, 60	
N 3	To Henry Taylor — — — — — — — — —	2,, 25	
No 4	Jona Whitney Jun. — — — — — — — —	3,, 00	
No 5	To Daniel Bird — — — — — — — — —	3,, 70	
No 6	To Joseph Pettingill — — — — — — —	4,, 50	
		$37,, 15	
	pd expences of House to Mr Robinson	1.25	
	leaving a net proceed to the town of —	$35,, 90	

Which is Respectfully submitted March 19th 1821—

Adam Brown
Paul Learned
Gilbert Nichols } Committee

7th Voted that the account for Interest presented by Samuel Learned & John Clark as a committee on the Meeting house be not accepted & that they have leave to withdraw the same

8th Voted to grant Thomas Clark in full of his account as an aſseſsor for the year past the sum of $16.50

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9th Voted on Petition of Hannah Farrar for the relinquishment of a Bond given by her late Husband conditioned for the support of Benjamin Whitney that she have leave to withdraw the same——

10th Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds & to place the same on file which is as follows, Viz

Report of The Trustees of Ministerial Fund

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund ask leave to present to the Town the following statement of their proceedings the last year and of the existing state of their funds——

Since the last annual statement the Funds have not been able to dispose of any of their real estate, or in any way to increase the amount of their Fund; They have however the sàtisfaction to beleive that it has been managed and improved in a manner the best calculated to preserve the original value, and to produce a certain income; it now rents for the sum of two hundred & fifty five dollars pr. annum

The Personal Estate is in Notes of hand satisfactorily secured, and amounts to the sum of three thousand one hundred fifty six dollars and fifty cents, the interest of that sum for one year is one hundred and eighty nine dollars and thirty nine cents, which added to the rent of the real estate will amount to the sum of four hundred and forty four dollars and thirty nine cents. A small deduction must be made from this sum for repairs on real estate—and in consequence of the Trustees having been obliged to take poſseſsion of certain real estate which was mortgaged to them as collatteral security for the payment of $325,,——

and being unable to realize at present any income of consequence from the same, there will be a deficit of nearly the amount of

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Interest on that sum for the last three years, but should the Estate be redeemed within the time prescribed by law that deficit will be made up—and should it not be redeemed, the Trustees are of opinion that the Estate will be of sufficient value to cover the whole amount of principal and interest so that no lofs will eventually be sustained, but the net amount of income for the last year will probably be reduced thereby, to about the sum of Four hundred and fifteen dollars——All which is Respectfully submitted By order of the Trustees

Watertown April 2d 1821 Levi Thaxter Treasurer

11th The following report was read and is as follows

Report of the Committee for supporting the Poor

The committee appointed to enquire what method will be the best for the Town to adopt for supporting their poor in futere &c.—have given all their attention to the subject, the short time thay have had it under consideration will admit of—and have come to a unanimous conclusion, that a well regulated Establishment for the reception of all the Poor, where they can be usefully employed according to their several abilities, and made to earn something towards their own support, will be the most creditable and economical method, for the Town, and the most comfortable for the Paupers themselves.——

The committee are fully satisfied, that a saving of one third part of the present expense of supporting the Poor, may be made to the Town, by keeping them all together provided a Situation can be procured with suitable accommodations for their reception, for a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars. It is evident however, that the succefs of

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Such an arrangement will depend in a great degree, upon the manner in which it is commenced—great precaution therefore and diligence will be neceſsary in the outset——

A Situation is to be purchased—Rules and Regulations for the good order and government of the Institution must be prepared, and a system of Econemy and Prudence, adopted and pursued in all things relative thereto——

For the accomplishment of these objects, considerable time is neceſsary——The committee therefore recommend that the Poor remain in the care of the Selectmen for the year ensuing; And that a Committee be appointed, with power to purchase a suitable situation, and make all the neceſsary arrangements for the reception of the Poor at the commencement of the next year, and to dispose of the old Poor house at their discretion——

And that the Treasurer be authorized and directed, in case said Committee shall procure such a Situation to borrow the money neceſsary to defray the expense of the same, And that these measures be adopted under such limitations and restrictions, as to the location of the Establishment, the amount of expense and such other particulars, as the Town shall think expedient—

All which is respectfully submitted

by Nathaniel Bemis, Levi Thaxter, John Hunting } Committee

Watertown April 2d 1821.

Voted to accept the report of the committee relative to supporting the Poor in future, & to choose a committee of three persons, to inquire and see if a situation can be procured, with suitable accommodations for their reception, the expense of which is not to

exceed

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Exceed the sum of $3000 and make report to the Town as soon as conveniently may be—

Voted and chose for said Committee
- Nathaniel Bemis & was excus'd
- Levi Thaxter & was excus'd
- John Hunting
- Gilbert Nichols
- Luke Bemis

12th Motioned to reconsider the vote under Article 5th respecting Neat Cattle running at large & to have them shut up the ensuing year——

13th Voted to postpone the above motion to the adjournment of this meeting——

14th Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 9th Inst at 5 of the clock in the afternoon then to meet in this place——& was declared adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment met at the House of Elisha Stratton April 2d 1821——& sealed up the votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Counsellors.

Voted to diſsolve this meeting——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting April 2d 1821

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton April 2d 1821——They let the Hay Scales at publick auction to Dea John Tucker for 1 year from the first day of April Inst for the sum of — — — — $21.00 & he to keep & leave the same in good repair

Agreed to accept, & drawd Orders on the Treasurer for the following accounts, Viz. William Penniman for the support of Mr Boynton & Ann Green for 1 year from Febv 16th 1820 to Feb. 16th 1821——&c — — — $106,, 34

John Tuckers Bill of sundries — — — — — — — $3,, 76

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Samuel Hyde for boarding & Clothing Jonathan Nutting from March 30th 1820 to March 30th 1821 — — $84,, 36

Mehittable Segar for her support for 1 year from the 3d of April 1820 to the 3d of April 1821 — — — — — $39,, 00

Agreed to appoint the following persons as Engine Men to Engine N° 1 for the ensuing year Viz

Isaac Sargeant
Henry Bright
Isaac Robbins
Francis Bush
Jonas Rice
Horatio Rice
William Bright

Appointed as Measurers of Wood for 1 year from this date the following persons, Viz

Luke Robinson
Isaac Dana
Thadeus Cole

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Oaths of Office 1821

April 2d The following persons took the Oaths of their respective offices, Viz George Coolidge as sealer of Weights & Measures likewise as Field driver Joseph Peirce, as Constable Amasa Jackson, & Adolphus Cannon as Weighers of Beef Thadeus Cole as measurer of Wood

April 7th John Tucker as Hay Weigher, Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson, as measurers of Wood, before

William Whitney Town Clerk

Friday 6th Nathaniel Bright as Fenceviewer before

Thomas Clark Esq Jus. Peace

Monday 9th Moses Chenery, Seth Bemis, Hosea Stoddard, Thomas Learned, as Surveyors of Highways before

William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the warrant iſsued March 22d 1821 the inhabitants aſsembled, April 9th 1821, (the Selectmen presiding) the Yeas, & Nays, on the amendments of the Constitution,

were call'd for on each article separately, which were given by hand vote, & declared to be as follows, viz

Yeas & Nays on the Amendments of the Constitution

Article First .....seventy Yeas.....two Nays
Article Second ....fifty eight Yeas ...twenty two Nays
Article Third.....fifty six Yeas .....three Nays
Article Fourth ....twenty four Yeas .forty one Nays
Article Fifth.....twenty eight Yeas.sixty two Nays
Article Sixth.....eighty nine Yeas ..no Nays
Article Seventh....twenty six Yeas...forty four Nays
Article Eighth.....seventy one Yeas .thirteen Nays
Article Ninth .....twenty nine Yeas .twenty two Nays
Article Tenth .....thirty Yeas.....thirty six Nays
Article Eleventh...seventy two Yeas .no Nays
Article Twelfth....forty two Yeas ...no Nays
Article Thirteenth .sixty one Yeas....no Nays
Article Fourteenth thirty Yeas.....thirty four Nays

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Adjournment of March meeting

Agreeably to the adjournment of March meeting the inhabitants assembled April 9th 1821 & proceeded as follows——

1st Voted to reconsider the vote which passed March 19th under article 5th respecting Neat Cattle running at large

2d Voted that Neat Cattle be kept shut up the ensuing year

3d Voted to accept the account of Abijah White in part, that is, to allow him thirty dollars for his services as Treasurer and sixteen dollars, fifty cents as render'd by him for Services as an assessor the past year which sum total is $46.50 & grant money to pay the same. Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

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The Selectmen issued the two following Warrants April 23d 1821

Middlesex ss. To Joseph Peirce Constable of the town of Watertown——————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Warrant for Meeting May 7th 1821

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to afsemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the Town will allow John Clark interest on the money that he paid for finishing the Galleries in the Meeting house & act any thing thereon——
3d To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——Given under our hands & seals this twenty third day of April AD 1821——

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Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Joshua Coolidge Jr
Elisha Livermore
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

May 1st Amos Livermore Jr took the Oath of Afsefsor before William Whitney Town Clerk

Return of Warrant for May Meeting

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 7th 1821——

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the times and places & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within mentioned Warrants at the publick Meeting House two Sunday's prior to said meeting

Joˢ Peirce Constable

May Meeting 7th 1821

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives aſsembled May 7th 1821 and proceeded as follows Viz—

1st Voted to send one Representative——
the Votes then being call'd for stood as follows

For Levi Thaxter Esq—fifty two Votes
" Thomas Clark Esq—eight—do
" Doc. Walter Hunnewell—eight—do
" Nathaniel R Whitney Esq—one—do

Levi Thaxter Esq was declar'd chosen and accepted to serve

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the warrant the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs aſsembled May 7th 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as set forth in the foregoing warrant Viz

1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq Moderator——

2d Voted to dismiſs the article relative to John Clark's interest Money

3d No report of any Committee

4th Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd to be difsolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 7th 1821——They agreed to allow the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——Viz—

Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable for the past year up to March 1st 1821 — — — — —	$12,, 00
Coolidge P Wood for services as Sexton &c. as render'd by him in his Bill up to May 3d 1821 —	$38,, 80
Stiles Hosmer & Cos Bill for Powder — — — — —	$20,, 00
Samuel Leatch for Boarding Robert Saunderson from Feby 1st 1821 to the first of May 1821 making 13 weeks at 8/ pr week — — — — — — — — —	$17,, 33
Francis Hagar for Boarding George Bourne & Wife from March 1st to May 7th 1821 inclusive	$14,, 50
Josiah Bright for supporting David Barnard 1 year to May 1st 1821 — — — — — — — — — — —	$20,, 00
Stephen Cook for 1 year's House rent for Mrs Bray ending March 1st 1821 — — — — — — —	$25,, 00
Leonard & Jonas Bond one year's House rent for Charles Nutting ending April 1st 1821 — —	$15,, 00

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Appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to the Engine call'd the relief Viz

John Daniels
Asa Thayer
Dennie P Hooker

Appointed Samuel Learned Auctioneer for 1 year (from the 1st day of May 1821—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Division of Fence between Joseph Faxon & J Holmes April 23d 1821

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Joseph Faxon of Newton and John Holmes of Hopkinton, about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands or farms, at Watertown we the subscribers, fence viewers of the town of Watertown duly chosen & sworn, having, on the application of the said Faxon (and after having given due notice to the said Holmes) viewed the premises, and duly considered the matter in dispute, have aſsigned, and do hereby aſsign to each of the said parties his share of said fence, as follows viz.——The said Faxon shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the westerly end, running East twenty one & an half rods and one & an half link making one half of the whole fence. ——And the said Holmes, shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz from the easterly end, running West twenty one & an half rods & one and an half link making the other half of the whole of said fence——Given under our hands at said Watertown this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one—

(Signed) William Stone, Paul Learned } Fence Viewers

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Selectmen's Meeting June 11th 1821

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton June 11th 1821 they selected a list of Jurors to lay before the town——

Warrant for Meeting June 14th 1821

Also iſsued the following Warrant Viz—

Middlesex ſs. To Maj. Joseph Peirce Constable of the town of Watertown————————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to summon, notify &

warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Publick Meeting house in said town on Thursday the fourteenth day of June inst——at six of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepar'd by the Selectmen & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one—

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Joshua Coolidge Jr
Elisha Livermore
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Middlesex ſs, Watertown June 14th 1821——

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned, notified, & warned, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned by giving them verbal notice

Jos Peirce Constable

Agreeably to the within warrant the inhabitants aſsembled June 14th 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz—

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator

2d Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen on the 11th day of June 1821——

Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

June 23d Joseph Bird took the Oath of Field driver before
William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting July 9 1821

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 9th 1821 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from Octr 1st 1820 to May 28th 1821 thirty four weeks and for sundry articles of clothing — — — $42,, 33

To Samuel Brigham, his account for supporting F Remington from 1st May 1820 to 1st May 1821 and sundries deliver'd for the support of Wm Whites children to the 4th of June 1821 — — — $52,, 50

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To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj^{m} Whitney from 24th of Feby to 1st of May 1821 making 12 weeks at 9/pr week — — — — $18,, 00

To Mark Vose to boarding John Remington 1 yr from May 1st 1820 ending May 1st 1821 — — $60,, 00

Also at the same meeting the Aſsesſors being present they agreed upon the following order Viz

Order of Abatements of Taxes for 1820

To Abijah White Esq. Treasurer for the town of Watertown

At a meeting of the Subscribers at the House of Elisha Stratton July 9th 1821 they agreed to make the following abatements & direct you to discount to Capt. Saml Learned Collector of Taxes for the year 1820 so much of each person's taxes for that year, as is hereafter annex'd to their respective names

	$	¢
To David Allen	1	69
Samuel Adams	1	69
Luther Abbot	1	69
David Bill	3	54
David Bigsby	1	69
Dyer Chaplain	1	69
Mary Cockran	3	08
John Chick	1	69
Nath[l] Corrier	1	69
Dexter Claflin	1	69
Caleb W Davis	3	70
Innman Feſsenden	1	69
Miles Greenwood	1	69
Benj[m] Gardner	2	61
Abraham Gillpatrick	1	38
Joseph W Howard	1	69
Edmund Hayes	1	69
Jonathan Hoyt	1	50
Joel Jones	1	69
Leonard Jackson	1,,	69
Elbridge Jones	4,,	00
Jackson	1,,	69
Clark Kent	1,,	69
Asa Kimball	1,,	69
Gilbert Kirker	1,,	69
William Leathe	3,,	08
Edward Lowde	1,,	69
Charles Leavitt	1,,	69
	$56,,	69

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	$	¢
To Ephraim Lamphrey	1	69
Alvin Loker	1	69
Bliſs Lomis	1	69
William M[c]Ellis	1	69
John Newton	1	69
Levi Parker	1	69
Howell Powell	1	69
Nath[l] P Palmer	1	69
James M[c] Roy	1	69
Obadiah Rugg	1	69
John Stimpson	1	69
Snow	1	69

	$	¢
Marshall B. Spring	1	69
Salsbury	1	69
Smith	1	69
Daniel Sangar	1	69
John Thompson	1	69
Jacob Wyman	1	69
Andrew White	1,,	69
Warner	1,,	69
Aaron Wise	1,,	69
Ebenezer Ward	1,,	69
Jeremiah H. Curtis	1,,	69
Abraham Farwell	3,,	38
Geo. & Chaˢ Coolidge	1,,	69
Samuel Smith	1,,	38
Samuel Walker	1,,	69
	$47,,	01

You will receive the above sum's as so much Money committed to him for collection by order of the subscribers a committee appointed by the town

Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, Luke Bemis } Selectmen of Watertown

Thomas Clark, Nathˡ R Whitney } Aſsesſors of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Augᵗ 6ᵗʰ 1821—

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 6ᵗʰ 1821 they iſsued the following warrant Vizᵗ—

Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce Constable for the town of Watertown——————————Greeting

Warrant for Meeting for choice of Register of Deeds

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to summon and notify the Free-

holders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the 3d day of September next at 4 of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz⁀

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1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex——
3d To hear the report of any committee or act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands and seals this Sixth day of August in the year of our Lord 1821⁀

Levi Thaxter
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

August 20th Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes by William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown April 15th 1817 Whereas we the subscribers Jonathan Whitney & Abijah White are owners of Land adjoining each other we have this day mutually agreed to divide the fence in the following manner & build the same viz. the west end of the line next land of Nathaniel Bemis Esqr Jonathan Whitney agrees to take & build for his half & Abijah White agrees to take & build the other half of the fence at the east end next the Road⁀

Witness Charles Whitney

Jonathan Whitney
Abijah White

Watertown December 9th 1818 Whereas we the undersign'd subscribers Jonathan Brown & Abijah White are owners of Land adjoining each other near the House of

Mr Charles Whitney in Watertown we have this day mutually agreed to divide the division fence & wall between us & rebuild the same Viz

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Jonathan Brown agrees to take that half of fence or wall next the road at the east end & Abijah White agrees to take that half of the fence or wall at the west end next land of Nathaniel Bemis Esqr the said line to be divided exactly in the middle of the same

Witnefs Charles Whitney

Jonathan Brown
Abijah White

Middlesex fs. Watertown Septr 3^{d} 1821

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expref's'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meeting

(Signed) Jos^{h} Peirce Constable

Agreeably to the warrant ifsued August 6th the Inhabitants afsembled September 3^{d} 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Moderator——

2^{d} The Votes having been call'd for a Register of Deeds were brought in sorted, counted, & declar'd to be as follows Viz

For Samuel Bartlett nine votes——
" Isaac Train ten votes——

3^{d} The Committee chosen April 2^{d} 1821 to enquire out a suitable place for the accommodation of the Poor & the probable expense for the same presented their Report which was read & order'd on file

4th Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd difsolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton September 3d 1821 They allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz~

Phinehas Saunderson's Acct of Shoes for the Poor $ 5,, 12

Samuel Latch for boarding Robert Saunders & George Bourne & Wife from May 1st to August 1st 1821 making 13 weeks at — — — — — — — — $36,, 83

Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benjm Whitney from 1st of May to the 1st of August 13 weeks at 9/ — — — — — — — — — — — — — $19,, 50

Nathan Fuller was appointed Engine man for the ensuing year to Engine N° 1

The following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the year ensuing Viz~

Samuel Bellows
Luke Robinson
Amaziah Howard } Innholders
Elisha Stratton
Mark Vose

John Clark
Thaddeus Cole } Retailers
George Coolidge

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Septr 4th Thomas Clark, Nathl R. Whitney, & Amos Livermore Jun. took the Oath of Afsefsors to ascertain the Rateable Estate within this Commonwealth as by law prescribed before William Whitney Town Clerk

Septr 21st 1821 the Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant Viz.

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Middlesex ſs. To Joseph Peirce Conſtable of the Town of Watertown——————————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to ſummon and notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ſaid town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the Publick Meeting house in ſaid Town on Monday the first day of October next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz—

1st To Choose a Moderator for ſaid meeting——
2d To know if the Town will choose a Committee and authorize and direct them to purchase a certain Farm situate in Newton, owned by one Jonathan Upham (as particularly described & recommended by a Committee of the Town, in their Report made the 3d day of September Instant, and now on file,) to be appropriated and improved for reception and ſupport of all ſuch perſons as the Town are, or may be obliged by law to ſupport or aſsist or authorize and direct ſaid Committee to purchase any other farm or ſituation, that may be thought more eligible for the purpoſe, or deviſe & provide any other ſuitable method for the ſupport of the poor of the town. And in caſe the Town ſhall ſee fit to authorize and direct the purchaſe of a Farm or any other ſituation for the reception & ſupport of the poor as aforeſaid, to authorize & direct their Committee, or choose another committee, and authorize & direct them to procure ſuch articles as may be neceſsary, and make all neceſsary arrangements & regulations for the reception of the poor of the Town as ſoon as may be and to provide for the payment of all ſuch expenſes as may ariſe in making ſaid purchaſes and arrangements by authorizing and directing the Treaſurer of the Town to borrow on the credit of the Town ſuch ſum or

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Sums of money as may be wanted for ſaid purpoſes, or deviſe and direct any other mode of obtaining the ſame that may be thought expedient, and act any thing thereon—
3d To know if the Town will diſpoſe of the Old Poor houſe & land and choose a Committee for that purpoſe and act any thing thereon——

4th To know if the Town will grant any money for the Support of a Singing School and direct how it shall be obtained, and how expended, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting——Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of September AD 1821

Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, Luke Bemis } Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown Octr 1st 1821——

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jos. Peirce Constable

Agreeably to the preceeding Warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled in open town meeting on Monday Octr 1st 1821—& proceeded to act by articles as follows viz

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq. Moderator——

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2d Voted to dismiſs so much of this article as relates to purchasing the Farm in Newton as reported by your Committee on 3d of September last——
Voted to dismiſs the whole article & discharge your Committee from any further trouble

3d Voted to dismiſs this article——

4th Voted to grant the sum of $75 for the support of Singing——
Voted & directed that the Treasurer of the town pay over into the hands of a Committee chosen by the singing society in the town to be appropriated by them & in a singing school the sum of seventy five dollars out of any money in his hands not otherwise appropriated——

Voted to diſsolve this meeting & was declar'd diſsolv'd——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton on Monday Novr 5th 1821 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz^{t}

To William Penniman for the support of Susanna Fowle 1 yr from Octr 10th 1820 to Octr 10th 1821 @ 6/6 pr week — — — — — — — — —	56.33
To Jeremiah Fowle for Plank for the Bridge —	$30.53
To Samuel Latch for supporting Robert Saunders & George Bourne & Wife from 1st of August to 1st of Novr 13 weeks @ — — — — — —	$43.83
To Daniel Morton for the support of Esther Warren 1 yr from Octr 1^{t} 1820 to Oct 1 1821 as by agreement — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$35.00

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To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj^{m} Whitney from 1st of August to 1st of Novr making 13 weeks at 9/ per week — — — — — —	$19.50
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White 1 yr to March 2^{d} 1821 — — — — — — —	$39.—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Dec. 3^{d} 1821 they allow'd the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz^{t}

To Levi Thaxter for sundry sums of money expended for the town — — — — — — — — — —	$104,, 41
To Lois Curtis for sundry articles of Clothing for the poor of the town — — — — — — — — —	$ 7,, 72
To Bemis & Eddy for Ropes for Fire hooks &c	$ 31,, 75
To Benjamin Wood for work on the Bridge &c	$ 5,, 25
To Sullivan Sawin for Boarding Newton Baxter from 28th May to 28 Novr 1821—26 weeks —	$ 26,, —
To Coolidge P. Wood for work on Bridge — —	$ 29,, 55
To Samuel Bird his a/c for Spikes for Bridge & Iron for Stoves — — — — — — — — — — —	$ 28,, —

To Samuel Learned premium for Collecting Taxes for 1820 ——————————— 110,, 68

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Jan 7th 1822 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To Elijah Hagar for Boarding Lucy Hagar 1 yr ending Dec 1st 1821 @ 1.25 per week —— $65,, —

To Zaccheus Pond for Boarding Widow Mary White 23 Weeks ending Jan. 1 1822 @ 8/ pr week and his acct of Black Smith work —— 60,, 98

To Newell Bent for his acct for Timber for the Bridge ——————————— 12.10

To Susanna Whitney for Boarding & Nursing Joseph Whitney 3 weeks in his last Sickness 12 —

To Asa Pratt for his acct of Coffins for Sundry Person's & Book Case ——————— 19,, —

Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana as Fish agents for the ensuing year

Appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the ensuing year Viz.

For the Engine call'd the Relief

Gilbert Nichols
Nath[l] R Whitney Jun
James Robbins
Elijah Ray
Jerome Hearsey
Thom[s] Soden
Coolidge P Wood
Charles H. Chandler
John M. Harris
Benj[m] F. Farrar
Hezekiah Bacon
Francis Leathe
Alexander Meacham
Joseph Read
Asa Thayer
John Daniels
Dana P. Hooker
Horatio Nichols

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For Engine N° 1

Isaac Rufsell (dischar'd Apr[l] 22[d])	Henry Bright
Abraham Lincoln	Isaac Robbins
Amasa Jackson	Horace Rice
Charles Coolidge	Benj[m] Stevens
Daniel Waters	Nathan Fuller
John Harris	Charles Bent
Luther Sifson	Lewis Upham
George Newhall	Alpheus Cutter
Isaac Sargent	Asa Pratt
	Rufus Lee

At a meeting of the Selectmen & Afsefsors at the House of Elisha Stratton Jan 7th 1822 they drew the following Order, viz

To Abijah White Esq Treasurer for the Town of Watertown———

You are hereby authorized & directed to discount to Capt. Sam[l] Learned Collector of Taxes for 1820 so much of each persons Taxes for the year 1820 as is hereafter annex'd to their respective names

Nathan Patterson ———————	1,, 69
John L Stone ———————————	1,, 69
	$3,, 38

Thom[s] Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Afsefsors of Watertown
Amos Livermore

Levi Thaxter
Thom[s] Clark
Luke Bemis
Josh[a] Coolidge Jr } Selectmen of Watertown
Elisha Livermore

A committee appointed for this purpose by the Town

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feby 4th 1822 they receiv'd the following Viz—

Watertown 4th Feby 1822

To the Selectmen of Watertown Gentlemen

There is a vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund occasioned by the resignation of Jonas White Esq——

By Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk

They appointed Thaddeus Cole Auctioneer for the ensuing year——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb 18th 1822 they allowed the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To George Dommet for his account for Hose &c. for Engine — — —	43.50
To John Clark his Bill for sundry articles of Clothing for the Poor — — — —	72.34
To Levi Thaxter for Wood &c for Charles Nutting — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 74
To Samuel Puffer for the support of Nathan Boyinton* & Ann Greene for 1 yr. ending Feb. 16th 1822 — — — — — — — — — — — —	113,, 29
To Samuel Latch for supporting Robert Sanders 13 weeks ending Feb 1st 1822 & Supporting & nursing George Taylor in his last sickness —	27.58
To Doct Nathaniel Bemis for Medicine & attendance on George Bourne & Jos. Whitney in their last sickness — — — — — — — — —	4,, —
To Jerome Hearsey for setting Glass &c in Meeting house & School house — — — — — — —	12.75

**Editorial Note:—Original script has been followed; probably meant Boyington*

To The Town of Boston for the support of Mary Warren ——————————————— 40,, —

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To Amos Livermore his acc^{t} for setting Glaſs in the east School house ——————————— 6,, 50

To Elijah Ray for carting Engine &c. ———— 4,, 50

To Joseph P. Bradlee for use of Stove for the School house in the West district ———— 5,, —

Also iſsued the following Warrant Viz^{t}

To Maj Joseph Pierce Constable for the Town of Watertown——————————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to Summon, Notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the publick Meeting-house in said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz^{t}

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^{d} To Choose all town Officers required by law to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually——
3^{d} To Choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his Services———
4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & act any thing thereon———
6th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the highway's in said town & act any thing thereon———
7th To hear the acc^{ts} of those persons to whom the town are indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon--

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8 To hear the report of any committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
9 To know if the town will appoint a committee to establish the boundaries near Treadaway Bridge, between the town & Jon^{a} Coolidge Esq. & others & to paſs deeds of Quit claims agreeable to a former vote of the Town paſsed the fourth day of May 1807——& act any thing thereon——

10th To know what method the town will take to support their Poor, & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—

11th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon

12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning their Treasury & act any thing thereon——

13th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——

14th To know if the town will take any Order relative to the destruction of certain Birds, & act any thing thereon——

15th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Meeting-house & act any thing thereon

16th To know if the town will grant liberty to Nathaniel Bright & others in the north part of the town to erect a School-house on the town's land near the Bisco' spring (so called) & act any thing thereon——

17th To know if the town will remove the Hay-scales from where they now stand & act any thing thereon——

18th To know if the town will take any measures to have the Posts round the Meeting-house Common painted and procure Trees to be set out in front of the same & act any thing thereon——

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19th To know if the town will take some method to fill the vacancy in the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund occasioned by the resignation of Jonas White Esq. & act any thing thereon——

20th To know if the Town will grant any money for the support of a Singing-School & act any thing thereon

21st To know if the Town will take any measures to widen Treadaway Bridge & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this eighteenth day of Febr in the year of our Lord 1822

Levi Thaxter
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Joshua Coolidge Jr
Elisha Livermore
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown March 4th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within Warrant at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joˢ Peirce Constable

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Agreeably to the within warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled in open Town meeting March 4th 1822 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz⸗

1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

2d Voted & Chose William Whitney Town Clerk and was sworn into said Office by Levi Thaxter Esq. Justice of the peace

Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Town Treasurer——

Voted to Choose Five Selectmen⸗

Voted & Chose for Selectmen⸗
- Thomas Clark
- Luke Bemis
- Joshua Coolidge Jun-
- Daniel Bond
- Moses Chenery

Voted to Choose Three Aſseſsors on one list⸗

Voted & Chose for Aſseſsors⸗
- Thomas Clark
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Amos Livermore

Voted & Chose for Constables⸗
- William Stone (excus'd)
- Enoch Wiswall (excus'd)
- Samuel Learned
- Joseph Peirce

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past two OClock in the afternoon then to meet again in this place——& was declar'd to be adjourn'd——

Agreeably to adjournment met in the afternoon
Voted to Choose four Fence Viewers

Voted & Chose for Fence Viewers
- Paul Learned
- William Stone
- Nath[l] Bright
- Peter Clark

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Voted & Chose for Tythingmen
- Thomas Learned
- Peter Clark (excus'd)
- Thaddeus Cole

Voted & Chose for Clerks of the Market
- Constantine V. Swan
- Luther Barrett

Voted & Chose for Field-drivers
- Peter Clark
- George Coolidge
- Francis Brown
- Joseph Bird
- William Stone
- Israel Whitney
- Isaac Patten

Voted & Chose for Hog Reeves
- John Coolidge
- James Peirce
- James Gillpatrick
- John Bernard
- Otis Upham
- Constantine V. Swan

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highway's
- Daniel Bond
- Luke Bemis
- Luke Robinson
- John H. Clark (excus'd)
- Peter Clark
- James Gillpatrick
- Moses Chenery (excus'd)
- William Stone (excus'd)
- Jonathan Stone (excus'd)
- Josiah Bright

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Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber
- Isaac Dana
- Coolidge P. Wood

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Isaac Dana
- William Horn

Voted & Chose for Firewards
- Levi Thaxter
- Adam Brown
- John Hunting
- John Clark
- Eliakim Morse
- Thomas Learned
- Luke Bemis
- Elisha Livermore

Voted & Chose for Fish Committee
- Cornelius Stone
- Nath[l] Stone
- Mark Vose
- Amasa Jackson
- William M. Pomroy
- Moses Whitney

Voted & Chose for Pound-Keeper
- Jeremiah Rufsell (excus'd)
- Nathaniel R. Whitney (excus'd)
- Marshall S Fowle

3[d] Voted that the Selectmen agree with a Sexton & the town to grant Money to pay him for his Services——

4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year——

5th Voted to grant the sum of Twelve hundred dollars for the use of Schools to be appropriated in the several districts as last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — $1200-00

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6th Voted to grant for Highways twenty five cents upon every rateable Poll, & other estates in proportion each Man to be allow'd twelve & a half cents per hour & a good team the same as a man——Voted that the Aſſeſsors aſſeſs the Highway Tax in March Inst—from the last year's valuation——

Voted that the last year Surveyors return their lists on or before the first day of June next——

7th Voted to allow the following accounts——& the town to grant Money to pay the same Viz~

To Joseph P. Bradlee for a Stove & funnel purchas'd by the school Committee of the West district — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$24.25
To Thomas Clark for his services as an Aſſeſsor the past yr — — — — —	44.75

To William Whitney for his services as town Clerk the past year — — 25,, —

To Nathaniel R. Whitney for his services as an Aſsesſor the past year — — — 50.25

To Amos Livermore for his services as an Aſsesſor the past year — — — — — — 27.75

To William Whitney for ruling Tax Book &c — 9,, —

To Thomas Learned as per his account — — — 34.17

To Abijah White for his services as Treasurer the past year — — — — — — — — — — — — 30,, —

Voted that John Clark have leave to withdraw his acc[t]

8th Voted to acept of so much of that part of the committee's report relative to raising monies as follows viz—

Voted to grant for the support of the Poor — — $1200—0

" in addition to the income of the Miniſterial Fund for Mr. Francis' Salary — 560—0

" for Contingent expenses — — — — — 200—0
(which Report may be seen on file)

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9th Voted that the surviving part of the committee chosen in the year 1807 be a committee for establishing the boundaries near Tredaway Bridge (so called) between Jon[a] Coolidge Esq & others & the town & to paſs quit claim deeds——& to cause the same to be carried into effect forthwith which committee as per Records consists of—

Joseph Peirce
John Fowle
Nath[l] Bemis
Nath[l] R. Whitney

10th Voted to refer this article relative to supporting the poor to the Selectmen & for them to support them in the way & manner they shall think most proper——

11th No order taken thereon——

12 Voted to accept the Treasurer's acc[t] as examined & reported by the Selectmen (they being chosen a Committee for that

purpose) & to place the same on the town files which is as follows Viz—

Abijah White as Treasurer is charg'd with the sum of ——————————————— $6986,, 71

And is credited by Sundry payments made Sundry persons as per Receipts on file and examined this day ———————	4453,, 51	
By outstanding Taxes remaining in the hands of Sam[l] Learned collector to collect —	2005,, 99	
By ballance being cash in the hands of the Treasurer ———	527.21	
		$6986,, 71

13 Voted to farm out the Taxes as usual this evening at Mr. Robinson's to the lowest bidder who is to be collector & he to give satisfactory Bonds for the same——

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14th Voted to take off the restriction of Shooting Robbins

15th Voted that the Selectmen be a committe for renting the town Pews in the Meeting-house——

16th Voted on petition of Nathaniel Bright & others to grant the prayer thereof——
Voted & Chose Thomas Clark, Joshua Coolidge & Abijah White a Committee to view & stake out the land, not exceeding one quarter of an acre & lease or sell the same as they shall think best——Which petition may be seen on file

17th Voted to dismiss the article——

18th Voted not to paint the Posts around the common
Voted to dismiss the remainder of the article——

19th Voted that the present vacancy & in future when there is any vacancy in the board of Trustees of the Ministerial Fund the remainder of the board of Trustees be authorized to fill such vacancy; untill further orders from the town——

20th Voted to dismiss the article——

21st Voted to dismiss the article——

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past six O Clock then to meet at the House of Luke Robinson for the purpose of farming out the taxes Choosing Collector &c. & was declar'd to be adjourn'd—

Met agreeably to adjournment——

Voted to farm the taxes on the same conditions as last year they being put up where struck off to Isaac Patten (he being the lowest bidder) for 2 cents on the dollar——

Voted & Chose Isaac Patten Collector of Taxes for the ensuing Year——

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Voted that the thanks of the town be awarded to Abijah White Esqr for his faithful & impartial Services as Treasurer for several years past——

Voted that the Surveyors of Highway work or caus'd to be worked out the full amount of their lists before the first day of May next

Voted to diſsolve this meeting & was declar'd by the Moderator to be diſsolv'd—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

March 4th

The following persons took the Oaths of their respective Offices viz——Levi Thaxter as Treasurer William Stone, Nathl Bright, & Peter Clark as Fence viewers, Constantine V. Swan, & Luther Barrett as Clerks of the Market, Peter Clark, George Coolidge Francis Brown, William Stone, Israel Whitney, & Isaac Patten as Field drivers, James Gillpatrick, & Constantine V Swan as Hog-Reeves Daniel Bond, Luke Robinson, Peter Clark, Josiah Bright & James Gillpatrick as Surveyors of Highway Isaac Dana, & Coolidge P Wood as Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana & William Horn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves before

William Whitney Town Clerk

March 18th

Thomas Clark, Nath[l] R. Whitney & Amos Livermore took the Oaths as Aſſeſsors & Thomas Clark Daniel Bond, & Moses Chenery as Selectmen——before——

William Whitney Town Clerk

April 1st

The following persons to the Oaths of their respective Offices viz Luke Bemis as Selectman & Surveyor of Highway's Joshua Coolidge Jun as Selectman & Joseph Bird as Field driver before

William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton March 18th 1822 they iſsued the following warrant viz⸗

Middlesex ſs To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown——————————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to Summon, Notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth) to meet at the publick meeting-house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors——

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz⸗

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds and Treasurer for the county of Middlesex——

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Watertown

qualified by law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the Publick Meeting-house in said

town

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Town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz⁓

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To Choose & fill up all Town Offices, that may or have become vacant by persons not wishing to serve therein & act any thing thereon——
3d To know if the Town will grant any Money for the support of a singing school & act any thing thereon
4th To know if the Town will sell the watering place near Jeremiah Ruſsell's to Joseph P. Bradlee and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of these warrants with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meetings.

Given under our hands and seals at Watertown this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1822⁓

Thomas Clark, Daniel Bond, Moses Chenery } Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown April 1st 1822——

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſs'd to meet at the times & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrants at the publick Meeting-house two sundays prior to said meetings

Joˢ Peirce Constable

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Pursuant to the Warrant iſsued March 18th the Inhabitants qualified agreeably to the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators & Counsellors aſsembled in open town meeting April 1st 1822 the Selectmen presiding the votes were call'd for brought in sorted, counted & declared by them to be as follows viz⁓

For Governor

His Exy John Brooks had sixty six votes
Hon. William Eustis had Fifty three votes
" Christopher Gore had One vote

For Lieut Governor

Hon. William Phillips	Sixty six	votes
Hon. Levi Lincoln	Fifty	"
Abijah White Esq	One	"
Henry Dearbourne	One	"

For Senators & Counsellors

Samuel Hoar Jun. —	Fifty eight —	votes
Timothy Walker —	Fifty seven—	"
John Abbott ———	Fifty one —	"
Josiah Adams ———	Twenty nine	"
Edmund Parker ——	Thirty seven	"
William Austin ——	Fifty six ——	"
Samuel Dana ———	Fifty six ——	"
Levi Thaxter ———	Fifty seven	"
Joel Cranston ———	Thirty eight	"
Ebenezer Hobbs —	Thirty five —	"
Marshall B. Spring	Twenty seven	"
Benjamin Wheeler —	Twenty eight	"
John Wade ———	Nineteen ——	"
William Whittemore	Eighteen ——	"
Joseph Locke ———	Two ———	"
William Whitney ——	One ———	"

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to Elisha Strattons for the purpose of sealing the within votes & there to meet at half past Six O clock & was declar'd to be adjourn'd⁓

Pursuant to the warrant for Register & Treasurer the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows viz⁓

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq. Moderator

For Register
Isaac Train had Thirty four votes
William Whitney had Seventy votes
Thomas Harris had One vote

For Treasurer
John Keyes had Thirty nine votes
Abiel Heywood had Twenty five votes

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting for Town affairs was open'd & proceeded as follows viz—

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator——

2d Voted that when this meeting is adjourn'd it stand adjourn'd to May Meeting

3d Voted to grant the sum of Seventy five dollars to be appropriated in the course of the year for a Singing School Voted that the above money be laid out under a direct committee chosen by the Town

Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Gilbert Nichols; Revd Converse Francis; Joseph Peirce }

4 Voted to choose a Committee to view the watering place near Jeremiah Rufsell's & see if they think it expedient to sell the same & report at the adjournment of this meeting—

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Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Jonas White; Nath[l] Bemis; Nath[l] Bright }

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd untill May Meeting at* O clock in the afternoon then to meet in this place & was declar'd adjourn'd

Met agreeably to adjournment at the House of Elisha Stratton & seal'd up the votes for Governor Lieut. Governor

*Editorial Note:—time not indicated in script

Senators & Counsellors in open town meeting——then diſsolv'd the meeting——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

April 1st

The Town of Watertown notified the town of Cambridge by Letter this day respecting the wife of Joseph Prentiſs Moses Chenery being the bearer of said Letter—

April 1st

The Selectmen appointed Coolidge P. Wood Sexton for one year from the third day of May AD 1822 & agreed to pay him $35–0 for his services including Bell ringing putting up & taking down the Stoves & Funnels sawing Wood, sweeping &c.——For attending funerals of Adults Three dollars & fifty cents in the Summer & Four dollars in Winter & for Children in proportion

Appointed Francis Bush Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine N° 1——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Samuel & Abraham Grant and Christopher Grant about their respective rights in a partition Fence in the line between their lands or Farms at Watertown we the subscribers Fence viewers of said

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Said Town duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said Samuel & Abraham Grant and after having given due notice to the said Christopher viewed the premises & considered the matter in dispute have aſsigned and do hereby aſsign to to each of the said parties his share of said Fence as follows viz—

The said Samuel & Abraham Grant shall build & keep in repair a good and sufficient fence on the north side of narrow lane (so called) beginning at the new Barn & running westerly 26½ Rods making one half of the Fence in narrow lane——then to begin at the bottom of wide lane (so called) & run in an easterly direction to the centre of said lane making Twenty one Rods fourteen feet which distance being on* half of the way in said lane——Then to

Editorial Note:—Script has been followed

begin at the southerly corner of Frost field (so call'd) & running in a northerly direction to a corner then turning and running west to another corner——thence turning & running in a northerly direction 53 Rods 14 feet down to Thomas Clark's line at the Brook

And the said Christopher Grant shall build and keep in repair a like Fence on the other part of said line viz. Beginning at the centre on the north side of narrow lane (so call'd) & running 26½ Rods in a westerly direction to the bottom of said narrow lane——then running in a straight line upon wide lane (so call'd) to the centre of said lane being the distance of Twenty one Rods fourteen feet which meets the bounds of said Samuel & Abraham Grant ——then to begin at the easterly corner of Frost field (so call'd) & run westerly down to the corner of said field it being the distance of 53 Rods 14 feet & meets the line of said Samuel & Abraham Grant—

Given under our hands at said Watertown this 15th day of March 1822—

William Stone
Nathaniel Bright } Fence viewers

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Whereas a dispute has arisen between Christopher Grant and Samuel Barnard of Watertown about their respective rights in a partition Fence between their Lands, or Farms at the north part of Watertown we the subscribers Fence viewers of said Town duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said Samuel Barnard and after having given due notice to the said Christopher Grant viewed the premises & duly considered the matter in dispute have aſsigned and do hereby aſsign to each of the said parties his share of said Fence as follows viz—

The said Samuel Barnard shall build & keep in repair a good and sufficient Fence between him and said Grant to begin at the Road and running westerly Twenty nine Rods twelve feet bringing it to the Centre of the line being one half of the way from the Road to Ebenezer Chenery's line——And the said Christopher Grant shall build and keep in repair a like Fence on the other part of the line viz——To begin at the Westerly end at Ebenezer

Chenery's line & running in an easterly direction to the centre it being the distance of Twenty nine Rods twelve feet

Given under our hands at s'd Watertown this fifteenth day of March AD 1822

William Stone }
Nath[l] Bright } Fence viewers

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton April 22[d] 1822 they appointed George Coolidge Sealer of Weights & Measures——Samuel Learned Auctioneer for 1 year from the 1st day of May Charles Chenery & George Blackman Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine N° 1——

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held March 4th they made choice of the Selectmen for a Committee to rent the pews in the Galleries of the meeting house belonging to the Town & after due notice being given they met at the House of Elisha Stratton April 22 1822 & rented them at publick auction for the term of one year from the first day of May next upon the following conditions (which conditions were made publickly known) that the purchaser pay cash down or a note payable in sixty days with interest after——The Pew in the West Gallery at the North West Corner next to the wall being considered N° 1 Pew was struck off to

1	Samuel Learned.....	for	4,, 25
2[d]	Coolidge P. Wood ...	"	4.25
3[d]	Jerome Hearsey	"	3.50
4th	Coolidge P. Wood ...	"	3.–0
5th	Joseph Bird.....	"	3.25
6th	Daniel Bond.....	"	4,, –0

Then began in the East gallery next to the singers

N° 1	To Abijah White	for	3.50
2	" Hugh Hall.....	"	3.75
3	" Nath[l] Woodward	"	3.75
4	" Nath[l] Woodward	"	3.50
5	" David Stone.....	"	3.25
6th	Sam[l] Learned.....	"	3,, 63
			$43,, 63

After the above sales the Hay Scales were rented at publick auction from the 1st day of May to the 1st day of April AD 1823 to John Tucker for——$18.50 he being the highest bidder therefor said Tucker has improved the scales 1 month after the expiration of the time for which they were let for last year and agreed

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With the Selectmen to pay after the same ratio that he did by the year which was Twenty one dollars——therefore 1 month will be ———————————————— $1.75

April 22d Amasa Jackson was sworn as one of the Fish Committee before William Whitney Town Clerk

May 4th Moses Whitney was sworn as Fish Committee before

Wm Whitney Town Clerk

7th John Tucker took the Oath of Hay weigher

10th Geo. Coolidge as sealer of Weights & measures before Wm Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 22d they issued the following warrant viz.

Middlesex ss.

To Maj. Joseph Peirce one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown——————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified agreeably to the Constitution to meet at the publick meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——

Also those Inhabitants qualified as above to meet at the same time & place at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——

2d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

Hereof fail not and make due return of these Warrants

with

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With your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings

Given under our hands & seals this twenty second day of April AD 1822

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge Jun.
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs Watertown May 6th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by Posting up two Copies of the within warrants at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meetings

Jos. Peirce Constable

Pursuant to the preceeding Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified agreeably to the Constitution to vote for Representatives aſsembled in open town meeting May 6th 1822 (the Selectmen presiding) they proceeded thus——

1 Voted not to send a Representative.

Then the meeting for the choice of a Register of Deeds being declared open they acted by articles as follows viz

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator——

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2d The votes being call'd for—for a Register were brought in sorted, counted & declar'd by the Moderator to be as follows viz

For Isaac Train Fifty seven votes
" William F Stone Forty two votes

The meeting for Town affairs was then declar'd open & proceeded as follows it being an adjournment of April meeting——

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator

2d Voted to excuse Isaac Patten from serving as Collector
Voted & Chose Samuel Learned in his stead

3d Voted to excuse Marshall S Fowle from serving as pound Keeper——
Voted & Chose Nath[l] Woodward in his stead——

The Committee Chosen by the town April 1st have attended to the duty afsigned them and ask leave to report that they think it expedient to make sale of the watering place near Jeremiah Rufsell's provided it can be disposed of in such manner as that the neighbours & other people of the Town can be as well accommodated with the water as they now are

Jonas White }
Nath[l] Bright } Committee

Voted to accept the above report & direct the old committe with the addition of Nath[l] R. Whitney & Thomas Clark to sell the same at such price as they shall think proper & give a Deed thereof provided they can do it in such a manner as will preserve the Water for the use of the neighbours & others to as good an accommodation as it now is to remain open forever

Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd difsolvd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 6th 1822 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

To William Penniman for board & funeral expences of Susanna Fowle — — — — — — } $39,, 56

To Samuel Hyde for Boarding, clothing &c Jonathan Nutting for 1 year up to March 30th 1822 — — — — — — — — — — — — — 88.29

To Mahitable Segar for 1 yrs weekly allowance from April 3d 1821 to April 23d 1822 @ 4/6 per week — — — — — — — — — — — — — 39,, 00

To Samuel Latch for the support of Robert Saunders 13 weeks to May 1st 1822 @ 8/ — — 17,, 33

To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benjamin Whitney 6 Months to May 1st 1822 — 39.00

To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White 1 year to 2d March 1822 — — — — — — 39,, 0

To Coolidge P. Wood for his services as sexton for 1 year to May 1 1822 — — — — — — — — 51.25

To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington 1 year up to May 1st 1822 — — — — — — — — 60,, 00

To Sullivan Sawin for Boarding Newton Baxter 26 weeks from 28 Nov. 1821 to 28th May 1822 — 26,, 00

To Sarah Vose for making clothing for John Remington from May 1819 to May 1822 — — 6,, 85

They appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine called the Relief viz

Constantine V. Swan
Roland Rose
A Aldridge

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They agreed with Thomas Richardson to take David Barnard 1 year from the 1st day of May for——$20,,-0

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Whereas we the subscribers both of Watertown in the county of Middlesex not knowing of any Record of the Division of the fence between our lands and believing there is no Record thereof it being the land that I Jonas White bought of Charles Bond, administrator on the estate of Phinehas Stearns late of Watertown deceased, and land that I bought

of my late Father Jonas White deceased, and land, that I Phinehas Harrington bought of Lydia Harrington Widow of Nathaniel Harrington dec'd being land that lately belonged to Samuel Whitney deceased all laying in said Watertown——Therefore be it known to all that we have this twenty eighth day of May one Thousand eight hundred and twenty two agreed about the Division of fence as followeth viz——I Phinehas Harrington hereby agree to take & maintain as my part of the fence against the Stearns place (so called) the fence beginning at the road leading by my house and running Northwardly thirty seven Rods or there abouts,——And I Jonas White hereby agree's to take and maintain the remainder of the fence dividing my land's from said Harrington's land as aforesaid untill it comes to the land that I bought of my late Father Jonas White being about twenty three rods & I agree to take & maintain the Eastwardly half of the fence dividing the land that I bought of my late Father, from said Phinehas Harrington's land & I Phinehas Harrington hereby agree to take & maintain the westwardly half of the fence dividing the land that I bought of Lydia Harrington from lands said White bought of his late father Jonas White (deceas'd) all which we the subscribers consider and acknowledge to be binding upon ourselves our

heirs

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Heirs and aſsigns———In witneſs whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Watertown the day and year above written.

Jonas White
Attest Peter Clark Phinehas Harrington

Attest Wm Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton June 3d 1822 they allowed the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz——

To Samuel Brigham for sundry supplies to Saml White for support of Wm Whites Children to 1st April 1822, @ .50 cts per Week————	$21,, 75
To Saml Puffer for board & expences of Nathan Boyinton* in his last sickneſs ————	25,, 75

Editorial Note:—script has been followed; probably meant Boyington

To Daniel Jackson for support of Fred Remington one——year to 1st June 1822 — — — — } 30,, —

To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren from 1st Octr 1821, to her decease — — — — } 20,, —

To Stephen Cook for Mrs. Bray's House Rent to 1st March 1822 — — — — — — — — — — — } 25,, —

To Francis Hagar for support of Wm Merrick to this 3^{d} June 1822 — — — — — — — — — — } 16,, —

Also appointed Charles Swift Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine No—1——

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

July 8th Nathl Woodward took the Oath of Pound Keeper Before——William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 22^{d} AD. 1822 they having receiv'd a copy from the Court of Sefsions of a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown & the adjacent town's praying for a Road to be opened & layed out from the Street to meet the Mill dam Road (so call'd) & the Courts order thereon (which Petition & Order may be seen on file) ——they iſsued the following Warrant viz—

Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts

Watertown ſs. To Maj Joseph Peirce Constable of the
L.S. town of Watertown in the county of Middlesex—Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby
L.S. required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other In-
L.S. habitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to
L.S. meet & aſsemble at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of August next at five O clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz—

1st To Elect a Moderator for said meeting——
2d To take into consideration the petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of this and adjoining Towns presented to the Court of Sefsions at their May term holden at Concord praying for a new Highway to be layed out from near the

House of the Rev'd Convers Francis' & north of Tyler Bigelow's to the United States Arsenal Wharf in Watertown and the Courts order thereon——and to act any thing thereon as the town may think best for their Interest

3d To know if the town will take any measures to remove any Nuisances in the Square and publick Streets, near the great Bridge or make any regulations relative to Wood Carts and Teams standing therein and act any thing thereon——

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty second day of July AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Moses Chenery
Daniel Bond
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest Wm Whitney
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 5th 1822 the allowed the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz

To Danl Moulton the amount of a mistake in his last settlement for the support of Esther Warren ———————————	3,, 75
To Saml Latch for Boarding Robert Saunders 14 weeks from May 1st to August 5th 1822 @ 8/ pr week ———————————	18,, 66
To Joshua Coolidge for his acct. for repairs to the lower burying Ground fence —————	14,, 88
To Elijah Hagar for support of Lucy Hagar from Decr 1st 1821 to June 1st 1822——26 weeks at 7/6 per week, & Nursing & Doctors Bill ——	42,, 60

Attest Wm Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown August 12th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting-house two sunday prior to said meeting

Joˢ Peirce Constable

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Pursuant to the preceeding Warrant the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown aſsembled in open town meeting on Monday the 12th day of August AD 1822——& proceeded to act by articles as follows viz⸗

1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Moderator

2d Voted to Choose a Committee to appear before a Committee from the Hon. Court of Seſsions, to act in behalf of the Town, agreeable to the instructions they shall hereafter receive——& this Committee to consist of three persons——
Voted to Choose said Committee by nomination
Voted to reconsider the preceeding vote respecting choosing s'd Committee by nomination——
Voted to Choose said Committee by Ballot the three on one ticket⸗

Voted & Chose for said Committee	Levi Thaxter
	Luke Bemis
	Adam Brown

Voted that said Committee appear before the committee from the Hon. Court of Seſsions & make all due influence to oppose the opening & laying out of said Road——if, the same is to be done at the expence of the town——
Voted that said Committe appear before the Court of Seſsions to oppose said Road

3d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration suitable measures respecting removing nuiſances &c. from (and Contiguous to), the Street; & whatever regulations or bye Laws so adopted by them——they are to make report of the same for the approbation of the town at the adjournment of this meeting

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in September at five O clock in the afternoon, then to meet in this place & was declared to be adjourned

Attest Wm Whitney Town Clerk

August 12. Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes——Before

William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 12 AD. 1822 they appointed Thomas J. Farrar Engine man for the remainder of the year to Engine No 1.

Attest Wm Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to an adjournment of the preceeding meeting the Inhabitants aſsembled September 2d 1822 & proceeded as follows viz under Article 2d

Voted to discharge the Old Committee from any further trouble respecting the contemplated Road, & from appearing before the Hon. Court of Seſsions——

Voted to Choose another Committee to defend the Rights of the Town, relative to the Road aforesaid——

Voted that this Committee consist of three Persons—

Voted & Chose for said Committee	Thomas Clark Nath[l] Bright Amos Livermore

Voted that said Committee be authorized to employ Counsel at the Expense of the Town——
Voted that this Committee be clothed with the same power as the former Committee

3d No Report thereon

Voted to diſsolve this meeting & was declared diſsolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clk.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Septr 2 AD 1822 the following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the town of Watertown the ensuing year vizt

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Innholders:
Luke Robinson
Elisha Stratton
Mark Vose
Amaziah Howard
Mary Bellows

Retailers:
John Clark
Thaddeus Cole
George Coolidge

Appointed Benjamin Dana Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine called the Relief

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Octr 7th 1822 they issued the following warrant viz

To Maj Joseph Peirce Constable for the Town of Watertown ——————————————Greeting

L S You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
L S of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the
L S Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for Repre-
L S sentatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to
L S assemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the 4th day of November next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative to Represent the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States

for

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For the Middlesex district——Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown Novr 4th 1822 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting House two sunday's prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce { Constable of Watertown

Pursuant to the within warrant, the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſsed, met at the Meeting house at the time specified in the Warrant & gave in their Votes for a Repreſentative to Congreſs for the Middlesex district which were brought in sorted, counted, and declared by the Selectmen (they presiding) to be as follows vizt

For the Hon. Timothy Fuller twelve Votes
Levi Thaxter Esq five Votes
John Wade five Votes

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Nov 4th 1822 they allowed the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same vizt

To Widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benjamin Whitney from 1st May to 31st Octr 1822 by agreement at 9/——per week — — — — — 39,, 00

To Mary Crafts for services in Wm Winchester's Family 14 week's & ½ day to 12 Septr 1822 at 75 cts per week — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, 62

To Hannah Nutting for services in Charles Nuttings Family to 16th Octr 1822 — — — — 10,, 00

To Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable 1 year from March 1821 to March 1822 — — 15,, 00

They Appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine N° 1.

Daniel Rice Jun
Elijah Harris

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer for the Town of Watertown

At a meeting of the Subscribers at the House of Elisha Stratton Novr 4th 1822 they agreed to abate so much of the following persons taxes for the year 1821 as is annexed to their respective names viz

To John Allen.....	1.51	Samuel Mc Cleury	3.13
John M. Adams ..	1.51	William Mead ...	1,, 51
Thomas Bolter ...	1.51	Jepthah Puffer...	1,, 51
Abishai Cottle ...	1.51	Francis Radoux..	2.16
Michael Christian	1.51	Jacob Reed	1.51
Mr. Dowell..	1.51	John L. Stone ...	1,, 51
Edmund Fowle Jr.	1.51	Widow Danl Sangar	1,, 08

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To Martin Furlong ..	1.51	Daniel Sanger ...	1,, 51
Paul Furbush	1,, 51	Saml Sanderson..	1.51
Hiram Greene....	1,, 51	Hugh Shaw	1.51
Wm Gerrish.....	1,, 51	Saml Teel.....	1,, 51
Andrew Holmes ..	1,, 51	Henry Taylor ...	1.51
Gilbert Kirker ...	1,, 51	Geo. Warner	1.51
Alvin Loker	1,, 51	Allen Ward.....	1.51
	$21,, 14	Simeon Yaw.....	1.51
		Andrew White...	3,, 02
		Joseph Taylor ...	1.51
" Mr. Jones	1.51		29,, 02
Chas Baker	1.51		21,, 14
	$3,, 02		$50,, 16
			3,, 02
			$53,, 18

And you are requested to discount to Maj Sam[l] Learned Collector for that year the above sums as so much Money for Taxes

Selectmen of Watertown
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge Jr.

Thomas Clark
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Amos Livermore
Assessors of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton January 6th 1823 they allowed the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from 28th May to 28 Nov 1822 being 26 weeks at $1——per week & for Sundry Articles of cloathing — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 31,, 62

To Benjamin Wood for 9½ feet Wood for the Meeting House — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, 60

To William Winchester for Meal for his family — 4,, 00

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To Elijah Hagar for boarding Lucy Hagar from 1st of June to 1st December 1822——26 Week 32,, 50

To Samuel Somes for Labour on the Bridge — — 3,, 50

To Gilbert Kirker for boarding Robert Sanders 13 Weeks from 3d August to 3d Nov. 1822 at 8/——per week — — — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 33

To Joshua Coolidge Jr. for amount he paid for Chloe Fiske's board 13 Weeks from 14th of August to 14th Novr 1822 at $1—pr week — 13,, 00

To Zaccheus Pond for boarding Widow Mary White from 1st Jan. 1822 to Jan. 1st 1823 & sundries — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 76,, 17

To Asa Pratt for Coffin for Mrs. Winchester — 6,, 00

Also appointed Nathaniel R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana Fish Agents for the year ensuing

Also appointed the following persons, Engine Men for the ensuing year viz⁓

For Engine N° 1.⁓

Amasa Jackson		Lewis Upham
Isaac Robbins		Alpheus Cutter
Charles Coolidge		Asa Pratt
George Newhall		Rufus Lee
Henry Bright		Francis Bush
Benjamin Stevens		Charles Swift
Nathan Fuller	T.—	Jefferson Farrar
Charles Bent		Daniel Rice Jun.

For Engine called the Relief

Gilbert Nichols	Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun.
James Robbins	Elijah Ray

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Thomas Soden		Charles H. Chandler
Coolidge P. Wood		John M. Harris
Benjamin F Farrar		Hezekiah Bacon
Francis Leathe	G—	Alexander Meacham
Joseph Reed		John Daniels
Dana P. Hooker		Horatio Nichols
Benjamin Dana		Constantine V. Swan

Roland Rose .

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb[y] 17, 1823 they allowed the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz⁓

To the City of Boston for the support of Mary Warren &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — $32,, 38

To Sumner Hudson the amount of his* — — — 28,, 42

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To Levi Thaxter his acct. of fees in prosecuting the suit in favour of the Town vs Draper & others — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 15,, 00

To Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benj[a] Whitney 13 weeks ending Feb[y] 1 1823 — — 19,, 50

To Jerome Hearsey for setting Glafs — — — — 17,, 70

To Nath[l] Cutler for 5½ Cords of Wood deliv'd Charles Nutting & W[m] Winchester @ 33/— 30,, 25

To Gilbert Kirker for Boarding Robert Saunders 13 weeks to February 3[d] 1823 — — — — — — 19,, 85

To Mrs. Adams for keeping House for William Winchester 22½ Weeks to February 17th — 16,, 87

To Thomas Clark for sundries delivered Charles Nutting & William Winchester — — — — 3,, 87

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To Isaac Patten for timber for the Bridge — — 1,, 63

To Daniel Bond for sundries — — — — — — — 35,, 76

To John Clark for sundries delivered, for the support of the Poor &c. — — — — — — — — 191,, 95

To Thaddeus Cole for Refreshment furnished at the Burning of the Factory — — — — — — 39,, 90

To Luke Bemis for Repairs of Bemis Bridge so called — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 50

To Nath[l] Bemis Jr. for Medicine & attendance for sundry of the poor the last year — — — 17,, 00

To Coolidge P. Wood for three Ladders — — — 18,, 00

To David Hagar in part of his acct. for Boarding Miles Greenwood — — — — — — — — — — 25,, 79

To Joseph Robbins for Boarding Chloe Fiske 13 Weeks to 14 February 1823 — — — — — — 13,, 00

To Elisha Stratton for Selectmen's Expences the last year — — — — — — — — — — 30,, 00

They approbated Luke Bemis as a Retailer for the remainder of the year — — — — — —

They drew the following Order for the abatement of Taxes viz⸗

Watertown Febʸ 17ᵗʰ 1823—To Levi Thaxter Treasurer of the town of Watertown⸗

You are hereby required to allow to Samˡ Learned Collector of Taxes for said Town the amount of the following Taxes which have been abated by us viz

William Raymond	12.41	William Leathe	9,, 61
Heirs of Elbridge Gerry	2,, 51	Elbridge Jones	6,, 83
William Leathe	9,, 08	Moses Woods	2,, 46
Levi Woodson	1,, 66	Joseph P. Dana	1,, 66

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Nathˡ Bond 2ᵈ	2,, 46	Nathˡ Bridge	4,, 05
Asaph Whitcomb	3,, 78	Samuel Latch	4,, 21

Amounting in all to the sum of sixty Dollars and seventy two cents

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Thomas Clark } Aſſeſſor of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At the above time and place the Selectmen iſsued the following warrant viz⸗

To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown ——————————— Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
L.S. wealth of Maſsachusetts to Summon, Notify and Warn the
L.S. Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Water-
L.S. town qualified by Law to vote in the Election of Town
L.S. Officers and in Town affairs to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of March next, at ten O clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles Viz⸗

1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2. To choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the Months of March or April annually
3. To Choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services——
4 To determine whether Swine and Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year, and act any thing thereon

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5. To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and act any thing thereon——
6. To grant Money to open make and repair the Highways in said Town and act any thing thereon——
7. To hear and examine the accounts of those Persons to whom the Town are indebted, grant Money to pay the same and act any thing thereon——
8. To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences, of the Town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon——
9. To hear the reports of any other Committees and act any thing thereon——
10. To know what method the Town will take to support their Poor for the year ensuing, to grant Money to pay for the same & act any thing thereon——
11. To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury, and act any thing thereon——
12. To know what method the Town will take to collect their Taxes for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon
13 To know if the Town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon
14 To know what method the Town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house and act any thing thereon
15 To know if the Town will excuse the Committee appointed to oppose the Road to be laid out from the Hay Scales to the Arsenal Wharf from any further duty and act any thing thereon—
16 To know if the Town will procure a New Bell for the Meeting house and act any thing thereon
17 To know if the town will take any measures to repair the Roof of the Meeting house and act any thing thereon——

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18. To know if the Town will procure Blinds for any of the Windows in the Meetinghouse and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty three

Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
Daniel Bond
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 3d 1823——Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce Constable

March Meeting 1823

Agreeably to the warrant aforesaid the inhabitants aſsembled March 3d 1823, and proceeded to act by articles as follows. viz

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter, Moderator.

2d Voted & chose Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Levi Thaxter Just. of Peace——

Voted and Chose Levi Thaxter Esqr. Town Treasurer

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Voted & chose for Selectmen
Abijah White
Gilbert Nichols
Amos Livermore
Moses Chenery
Joshua Coolidge Jr

Voted & chose for Aſsefsors { Thomas Clark, Amos Livermore, Levi Thaxter }

Voted to adjourn this meeting 'till two oclock in the afternoon then to meet at this place——

Agreeably to adjournment the meeting was opened and proceeded as follows.—

Voted & chose for Constables { Thaddeus Cole, Joseph Bird }

Voted & chose for Fence viewers { Paul Learned, William Stone, Nath[l] Bright, Peter Clark—

Voted & chose for Tythingmen— { Miles Sprague, Elisha W. Dana }

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market { Constantine V. Swan, Luther Barrett }

Voted & Chose for Field drivers { John H. Clark, William Horn, Phin[s] Sanderson, Joseph Bird, William Stone, James Gilpatrick, George Coolidge—

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves— { Clinton Thayer, Abraham Farwell, Joseph Young, George Robbins, Edw[d] Fogg, Nath[l] Broad }

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— { Samuel Learned, Luke Bemis, Luke Robinson, Daniel A. Tainter, Fran[s] Brown, William Stone }

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber— { Isaac Dana, Coolidge P. Wood }

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted & chose for Firewards — John Hunting, Levi Thaxter, Nath[l] Bright, John Clark, Abijah White, Elisha Livermore, Eliakim Morse, Joshua Coolidge Jr., Seth Bemis

Voted & chose for Fish Committee — George Coolidge, John Clark, William Nichols

Voted & chose for Pound keeper Nath[l] Woodward

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3[d] Voted that the choice of Sexton be refered to the Selectmen.

4th Voted that swine shall not go at large the ensuing year and it was also voted to let neat Cattle go at large——

5th Voted to grant the sum as reported by the Selectmen & Treasurer see by their estimate under Article 8th and the sum to be appropriated in the several districts as last year—

6th Voted to grant the highways, twenty five Cents upon every rateable poll, and other estates in proportion,——each man to be allowed, twelve & half Cents per. hour and a good team the same as a Man, and that the Assessors, assess the highway tax before the first of April next.——

7th Voted, that all the Accounts against the town shall be presented to the Selectmen for their allowance——

8th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen & Treasurer of the estimates and grant the following sums for the year ensuing. Viz—

For opening & repairing highways 25 Cts on a poll & other estates in proportion——

For Supporting the poor	1300,, ——
For Support of Schools	1200,, ——
For Support of Ministry	570,, ——
For all contingent expences	500,, ——

Amounting in the whole to the sum of

See report on file—

9th Voted that this article be postponed for the present.——

10th No order taken thereon——

11th Voted to Accept the Treasurers Account as examined and reported by the Selectmen, they being a Committee for that purpose, and to be placed on the files of the town, the result of which is——

Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is charged with the

sum

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Sum of ——————————————— $7420,, 78
and is credited with the sum of ——————— 7048,, 29

leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer as will appear on file, the sum of ————— $372,, 49

12th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way, viz. to the lowest bidder, and that when this meeting be adjourned, it be at Luke Robinsons house, at 6 'Oclock this evening solely for that purpose & the choice of Collector——

13th Voted to take off all the restrictions relative to the law for shooting all kinds of birds——

14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews to the Selectmen and to be leased at Auction——

15th Voted that this article be dismiſsed——

16th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Bell, and take the subject under Consideration and report at the adjournment of this meeting—

Chose for said Committee { Elisha Livermore, Joseph Peirce, Adam Brown—

17th No order taken thereon.——

18th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure as many blinds at the meeting house as they shall think neceſsary——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Luke Robinson's house, this evening at six Oclock, for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes and choosing Collector

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the adjournment of the foregoing meeting met at Luke Robinson's——The taxes were put up on the same terms and conditions as last year, and were struck off to Thaddeus Cole for One Cent on the dollar——
Voted and Chose Thaddeus Cole.——Collector

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at the Meeting house at four O'clock in the afternoon

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths of town officers

March 3[d] 1823. Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols, Moses Chenery and Joshua Coolidge Jun[r] were sworn as Selectmen
John H. Clark, William Horn, Joseph Bird &. George Coolidge were sworn as Feild drivers——
Isaac Dana & William Horn were sworn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves——
Isaac Dana and Coolidge P. Wood were sworn as Surveyors of lumber——
Luke Robinson and Francis Brown were sworn Surveyors of highways——
Thomas Clark was sworn as an Aſseſsor——

All the above by Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

March 7th William Stone took the oaths of Surveyor of Highways, Fence viewer and Feild driver——;

before Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

March 11th Abijah White was sworn as Selectman

Amos Livermore was sworn as an Aſseſsor——
Thaddeus Cole and Joseph Bird were sworn as Constables—
Clinton Thayer was sworn as Hogreeve——

before Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting March 11 1823

A meeting of the Selectmen was held at Elisha Stratton March 11th 1823 when the following buſineſs was transacted Viz. The list of voters for April meeting was revised and approved——

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Auctioneer 'till the first of May next——

George Coolidge was appointed sealer of weights and Measures——for the year ensuing——

Thaddeus Cole Luke Robinson and Isaac Dana were appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark——

Attest. Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting March 17th 1823

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton March 17th 1823. they proceeded as follows——

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. Viz

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for his services as an Aſseſsor for the year 1822 — — — — — — — —	34.50
To Samuel Puffer for the support of Ann Green from Feb[y] 16th 1822 to Feb[y] 16th 1823. —	52,, —
To Thomas Clark for his services as an Aſseſsor for the year. 1822. — — — — — — — —	27.25
To Clinton Thayer for his Acc[t] for ½ hund. Clapboards for the poor house——in 1819— —	1,, —
To Amos Livermore for his services as an Aſseſsor for the year 1822. — — — — — — — —	21,, —
To Luke Robinson for boarding Nursing & finding her a room and fire Wood, for M[rs] Cunningham while sick from December 22[d] 1822 to Jan[y] 26th 1823 — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —

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To William Whitney for his services as Town Clerk for the year 1822 — — — — — — — 25,, —

To Doct. Nath[l] Bemis for reducing and attending Mary Cunninghams fractured leg, from Dec[b] 23[d] 1822 to Jan[y] 26th 1823 — — — — — — — 8,, 75

To Levi Thaxter for his services as Treasurer for the year 1822 — — — — — — — — — — — 30,, —

To Samuel Puffer for Clothing furnished Ann Green — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 5.08

To Eben[r] Smith for Mason Work done at the South School house — — — — — — — — — — 1.75

To Leonard & Jonas Bond for 2 years house rent and land privileges for Cha[s] Nutting from April 1st 1821 to April 1st 1823 — — — — — — — 30,, —

To Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable from March 4th 1822 to March 3[d] 1823 and for Notifying town officers for 1823— — — — 15,, —

To G. H. Coolidge for Sundries delivered men employed to clear the ice from the bridge — 2,, —

To G. H. Coolidge for supplies for Engine C[o] N[o] 1 at the fire of Harris's Shop in Jan[y] 1820 — — — 2,, 50

Amasa Jackson, Elisha W. Dana & Adolphus Cannon were appointed Beef Weighers for the year ensuing———

Oaths

Levi Thaxter was sworn as an Aſsefsor and George Coolidge was also sworn as Sealer of weights and Measures

before Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

March 28th 1823 Luke Bemis was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

At the foregoing Meeting the list of voters was revised for April Meeting and the following warrant iſsued.—Viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——— Greeting

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L S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
L S. of Maſsachusetts to summon, Notify and warn the free-
L S. holders, and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown,
L S. qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Common-
L S. wealth, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——

2d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings.

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1823.

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Moses Chenery
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown April 7th 1823 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned by posting two copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house

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Two Sundays prior to said meetings

Thaddeus Cole Constable

April Meeting

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the meeting was held April 7th 1823——The votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & senators being called for, were brought in, sorted, and counted & were as follows

For Hon. William Eustis	115	Votes	
" Hon. Harrison G. Otis	71	"	
" Hon. James Lloyd	1	"	——
For Lt Govr Hon Levi Lincoln	114	"	
" " " Hon Daniel Noble	72	"	——
Clinton Thayer	1	"	
For Senators Joel Cranston	124	"	
" Levi Thaxter	125	"	
" Willm Austin	116	"	
" John Wade	114	"	
" John Keyes	112	"	——
" Samuel Hoar Jr	68	"	
" Timothy Walker	55	"	——
" John Abbot	67	"	——
" Abner Wheeler	25	"	——
" William Hilliard	53	"	——
" Benjamin Wheeler	28	"	——
" Marshall B. Spring	1	"	——
" Seth Knowles	9	"	——
" William Whittemore	1	"	——
" Edmund Foster	1	"	——
" Abiel Haywood	1	"	——

The votes were thus accordingly declared, and sealed up in open town meeting

Attest—Nathl R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Meeting for County Treasurer

The meeting agreeably to the warrant, for the choice of County Treasurer was opened—when

Levi Thaxter Esqr was chosen Moderator

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The votes being called for, sorted and counted were
For John Keyes..... 58.
" Abiel Heywood..... 16.

Attest. N R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting

The adjournment of the March meeting being opened the inhabitants proceeded as follows——

Levi Thaxter Esqr. presided as moderator

The trustees of the ministerial fund made a report which was accepted and placed on file, it was as follows

The trustees of the Watertown Ministerial fund, ask leave to lay before the town the following statement of their proceedings the last year, and of the existing state of their funds——

Since the last statement, the trustees have elected Abijah White Esquire to fill the vacancy that at that time existed at the board.——

The parsonage house and land that was conveyed to the Corporation by the town, has lately been sold for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. This measure is thought to be judicious, in as much as the interest arising from that sum will exceed the net amount of rent which could be obtained for the place, and being now owned by an individual will be subject to taxation and produce a revenue to the town——The residue of the real estate remains in the same situation as the last year.——The funds of the Corporation beside the real estate amounts at this time to the sum of Four thousand, six hundred & fifty six dollars & fifty cents which is loaned on interest with sufficient security. The annual interest of which is two hundred and seventy nine dollars and thirty nine Cents and the annual rent of the real estate is one hundred & fifty four dollars and fifty Cents, making a net amount of

income

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Income of four hundred and thirty three dollars and eighty nine Cents——All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter. Treasurer.

Watertown April 7th 1823

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the town, at their last meeting, voted to let neat Cattle go at large——

Voted that three additional Feild drivers be chosen for the ensuing year

Voted & Chose for Field drivers { Elisha Whitney, Asa Pratt, Daniel Sanger

The Committee who were chosen to examine the Bell and to report the expediency of procuring a new Bell made the following report———— Watertown April 4. 1823

We the subscribers a Committee chosen by the town for the purpose of examining the Bell in the meeting house to see whether it would be neceſsary to exchange the same or procure a new one, have attended said service, and are of opinion that the Bell is not of much service to large portion of the inhabitants of the town, and we believe is not satisfactory to any——Therefore your Committe have applied to Mr Holbrook the Bell Founderer at Medway and do hereby annex his terms on which a new one can be procured; should the town think it expedient to exchange the old for a new the terms will probably be as favourable now or more so than can be obtained at any future period——All which is submitted

Elisha Livermore, Jos. Peirce, Adam Brown } Committee

Mr Holbrook made the following statement in writing George H. Holbrook will give the town of Watertown 25 Cents a pound, expecting said Bell to weigh 1134 lbs which will be $283,,50; for the new Bell of the same weight will be 40 Cts a pound, amount of the same $453.60—the difference between

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Said Bells will be $170,,10; but for Cash down will take $150,,00; if the new Bell should fall short of the weight of the Old Bell I will allow 25 Cts a pound; but if it over runs, shall charge 40 Cts a pound——probably I can come within 30 or 50 lbs of the Old Bell, I will deliver said Bell to them at my own expence, and take their Old Bell, my being at no expence there while doing said buſineſs

George H. Holbrook

Medway March 26. 1823.

The same Committee were directed to procure a Bell as near 1200 lbs as poſsible——

Voted to grant One hundred & eighty dollars for the purpose

Voted also that the Committee shall be at liberty to get a Bell exceeding 1200 lbs and not exceeding 1500 lbs provided it shall be no expence to the town——

Art. 17th Voted to diſmiſs this article——

Under Art. 5th Voted to Choose a Committee for the purpose of Visiting and examining all the Schools in the town

Voted & Chose for said Committee
- Levi Thaxter
- Nath[l] Bemis Jr
- Walter Hunnewell
- Thomas Clark

Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Apr. 7. 1823

A meeting of the Selectmen was held at Elisha Strattons April 7, 1823 when the following buſineſs was transacted—— viz.

The Hay Scales were leased to John Tucker for the same sum, in proportion to the time as last year 'till the first of June next

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The pews in the Gallery of the meeting house were leased at Auction viz. the pew in the west Gallery at the north west corner next to the wall being considered N° 1.—

N° 1	To Thomas Dana . .	for	. . . . .	3,, 37½
2	" Benjamin Wood ..	"	. . . . .	3,, 50
3	" Abijah White. . . .	"	. . . . .	3,, —
4	" Alpheus Cutter . .	"	. . . . .	3,, 25
5	" Dan[l] Waters	"	. . . . .	2,, 75
6	" Dan[l] Bond.	"	. . . . .	2,, 75

East side beginning next to the Singers—

N° 1	To Nath Bright.	for	. . . . .	3,, 62½
2	" Hugh Hall	"	. . . . .	3,, —
3	" Sam[l] Learned . . .	"	. . . . .	2,, 62½
4	" George Coolidge .	"	. . . . .	3,, 12½
5	" David Stone	"	. . . . .	3,, 25
6	" Abijah White. . . .	"	. . . . .	3,, 25

The above pews were leased for the term of one year from the 1st day of May, 1823——

Isaac Dana was sworn as Measurer of Wood by N. R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Attest Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

April 7, 1823 Daniel A. Tainter was sworn as Surveyor of highways——by Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Selectmens Meeting Ap[l] 21, 1821*

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton April 21st 1823 they proceeded as follows viz.

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

To John Tucker for repairing Fire buckets in 1822 & 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 75

To Luke Robinson for Oxen and work on the Bridge Nov[r] 1821 — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 50

**Editorial Note—Probably meant* 1823.

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To Mehitable Segar for one years weekly's allowance from Apr[l] 3, 1822 to Apr[l] 3[d] 1823 at 4/6 pr W[k] ———————————	39,, —
To Samuel Hyde for the support of Jon[a] Nutting & Sundry Clothing from March 30th 1822 to March 30, 1823 ———————————	118,, 82
To Larkin Smith for a pair of boots for M[r] Winchester Feb[y]—22[d] 1823 ———————————	3,, 25
To David Hager the balance of his acc[t] for the support of Miles Greenwood from Feb[y] 15, 1821 to May 4, 1822 ———————————	62,, 21
To the estate of Thomas Richardson for taking care of David Barnard one year from May 1st 1822 to May 1, 1823 ———————	20,,
To Mary Cook for Clothing for Hannah Cook ———————————	5,,
To Hannah Nutting in full for her services nursing her Father and Mother ———————	20,,
To Coolidge P. Wood for his services as sexton one year to May 1, 1823 ———————	35,, —
To Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks to May 1, 1823 —	19,, 50
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White 1 year to March 2[d] 1823 ————	39,,

Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1823—— @ $30,, being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, putting up and taking down the Stoves & Funnels, Sawing Wood sweeping the meeting house &c.——for attending funerals of adults three dollars & fifty cents in the Summer and four dollars in Winter, and for Children in proportion——

Thaddeus Cole & Samuel Learned were appointed Auctioneers for one year from the first of May 1823

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Hawes & John M. Peirce were appointed Engine Men for the year ensuing——
Asa Pratt was sworn as Field driver by Nath R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Attest Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

At the foregoing Meeting the following Warrant was iſsued——Viz.

Middlesex ſs. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables
L. S for the town of Watertown——Greeting.——

L. S You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
L. S wealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders
L. S and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified
L. S agreeably to the Constitution to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of May next at three of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our hands and seals this twenty first day of April A D. 1823—

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Moses Chenery
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex ſs. Watertown May 12. 1823 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting two copies of the within Warrant

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At the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting——— Thaddeus Cole Constable

May Meeting 1823

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants afsembled May 12. 1823 and gave their votes as follows——Viz.

For Abijah White .....Seventy nine votes
" Marshall B. Spring...fifty..... "
" Thomas Clark.....One..... "

Abijah White Esqr was thereupon declared chosen to represent the town the year ensuing

Attest Nathl R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting June 2. 1823

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton June 2. 1823. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——Viz.

To Daniel Jackson for the support of Fred. Remington one year to June 1. 1823 — — — — —	$30,, —
To Gilbert Kirker for the support of Robt Saunders from Feby 3 to June 2. 1823 17 Weeks at 1,,75 and for wire ,,29 Cts — — — — — — — — —	30,, 04
To Joseph Robbins for the support of Chloe Fisk 3 Months from 4th Feby 1823 to May 14. 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,,
To Benjamin Wood for work and lumber for Bridge, attending funeral of Miles Greenwood and for supporting Sally Berry to June 2. 1823 —	21.95

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths

May 1823. Samuel Learned was sworn Surveyor of highways & Phinehas Sanderson was sworn as Field driver before Levi Thaxter Justice of the peace

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Selectmen's Meeting Augst 4. 1823

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton August 4. 1823. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——Viz.

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from Nov. 28. 1822 to May 28. 1823 and for sundries supplied during that time — — —	27.75
To Reuben Gragg* for boarding Mrs Mary Clark from May 5 to August 6. 1823 13 weeks— @ 90 Cts — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 70
To the town of Cambridge for the support of Joel Wellington in gaol from August^{t} 9th to September 9th 1822 4$\frac{3}{7}$ weeks—— @ 2.50 — —	9.30
To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from Decr 1. 1822 to June 1. 1823 26 Weeks at 7/6 and Nursing———$3. — — — — — — — — —	35.50
To Joseph Robbins for the support of Cloe Fisk 3 Months from May 14 to August 14 1823 —	13,, —
To Mrs Francis Hager for labour & afsistance on the day of C. Nuttings funeral — — — — —	1,, —
To Mrs Benj^{a} Gardner for labour & afsistance at the funeral of C. Nutting — — — — — — —	1,, —
To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks from May 1. to August 1. 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Agreement with sundry persons

On the 2^{d} June 1823. The Selectmen agreed with Daniel Jackson, to support Fred. Remington one year to June 1st 1824 for $30,, said Jackson to clothe him, except two shirts, one pair Shoes and 2 pair of Socks——

**Editorial Note:—Original script spelling is Gragg; possibly the name referred to by town Clerk was Gregg.*

Also agreed with Mark Vose to support John Remington one year to May 1. 1824 for sixty dollars——

Also agreed with said Vose to support Jefse Sanger one year to May 13. 1824 for $50,, in sickneſs and in health, the town to have the privilege to take him away if they can do better——

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Agreed also with Joseph Bright to support David Barnard to May 1, 1824 and also to clothe him for the sum of $20,,—

Attest Nath[l] R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Sep[t] 1, 1823

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Spetember 1, 1823, The following buſineſs was transacted viz.—

Moses Whitney Jr was appointed an Engine man for the year ensuing for Engine N° 1.——

The following persons were approbated as Innholders and Retailers——viz.

Innholders: Luke Robinson, Elisha Stratton, Mary Bellows

Retailers: John Clark, Thadd[s] Cole, Geo. Coolidge, Luke Bemis

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Oct. 6, 1823

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton October 6, 1823, The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To Samuel Puffer for boarding Mrs Green from February 16, 1823 to September 16, 1823 and for Clothing supplied her during that time — 32.70

To Hugh Gragg* for labour on the great bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 2.25

To Josiah Kendall for Meal dld. Wm Winchester — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10.37

To Amasa Jackson his a/c for repairs on the Engine &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 5.78

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To Joseph Robbins for nursing Cloe Fisk — 5,, —

To Jeremiah Stimpson for Medical Advice for Cloe Fisk — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 5,, —

To Gilbert Kirker for boarding Robert Saunders from June 2 to Sept. 2, 1823 — — — — 26.50

To Mrs Benja Gardner for afsistance &c. at the funeral of Mrs Nutting — — — — — — — — 1,, —

The following order was drawn on the Treasurer

Watertown Oct. 6, 1823

To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to allow Samuel Learned in part payment for the Taxes Committed to him to collect for the year 1822; the following abatements as hereto annexed——viz.

Water Adams	1.95	John Gardner Jr.	1.70	
Amos Albee	3.84	Andrew Hemenway	1.70	
John Avery	4.02	Joseph Hartwell	1.70	
Horatio Brigham	1.70	Welcom Hathaway	1.70	
Geo. Blackman	1.70	Saml Hubbard	1.70	
Saml Bigelow	1.70	Aaron Harrington	1.70	
Joſhua Brown	1.70	Nichs W. Kelton	1.70	
Oliver Champlin	1.70	George Knight	1.70	
Jonas Collins	1.70		——	57.64
Nathl Cole	1.70	Saml Latch	1.70	
Charles Chenery	1.70	Joshua Merritt	1.70	
Gardner F. Davis	1.70	Hartwell Melvin	1.70	
Guy Drake	1.70	Thoms C. Marsh	1.70	

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Jacob Day——	1.70	Jacob Nichols	1.70
Will[m] Ellis	7.03	Farley Newcomb	1.70
Newbury Eddy	1.70	Moses Paine	1.70
Thomas J. Flanders	1.70	Joseph Pritchard	1.70
Sewell Fiske	1.70	Gardner Putnam	1.70
Gilman Fox	1.70	Dan[l] Rice——	1.70
Andrew Gragg*	1.70	John Powers	1.70

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Lynde Parker	1.70	Asaph Whitcomb	6,, 22
Sam[l] Rockwood	1.70	George Warner	1.70
Wid. Ami Sanger—	,, 93	Andrew White	3.40
Sam[l] Sanderson	1.70	Will[m] Worth	5.18
John Smith	1.70	W[m] J. White	1.70
Samuel Smiley	1.70	Stephen Westcott	1.70
Dan[l] Smith——	1.70	John Wentworth	1.70
John Simmons——	1.70	Horace Whitney	4,, 02
James Townsend	1.70	Joseph Young——	1.70
Will[m] Vose	1.70		
			62.25
		Amo[t] bro[t] over——	57.64
			$119.89

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oct 6th 1823 Samuel Barnard & Andrew Cole were appointed Engine Men, for the engine called the Relief.

Att[st] NR Whitney Jr. T. Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Dec. 1, 1823

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held at the house of Elisha Stratton Decb[r] 1, 1823.—— the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same, viz.

To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj[a] Whitney one quarter ending Oct. 31, 1823	19,, 50

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To Asa Pratt for Coffins and attending the funerals of Charles Nutting and his wife — — — 15,,

To Elijah Hager for supporting Lucy Hager from June 1, 1823 to Dec. 1, 1823——26 weeks @ 7/6 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 32,, 50

To————————Hart for support of Ann Green 3 months from Sept. 18, 1823 to Dec. 18, 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 6.50

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To David Hager for transporting Mrs Green from Westminster to Boston — — — — — — 4,, —

To Jos. Robbins for support of Chloe Fisk one quarter ending Nov. 14, 1823 — — — — — 17.50

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of Elisha Stratton Jany 5, 1824.—The following accounts were allowed, and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To Willm Hills for boating and rafting plank from Boston to Watertown for Bridge — — — 12,, —

To Wm K. Barnard for plank for Bridge — 144.36

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from May 28, 1823 to Nov. 28, 1823 and for extra trouble — — — — — — — — — — — 31,, —

To Phins Sanderson for Shaving Miles Greenwood & Charles Nutting &c. — — — — — 2,, —

To J. & D. Kendall for Meal supplied Wm Winchester from Sept. 8, to Dec. 25, 1823 — — 7.87

To Abijah White his acct for sundries supplied the poor, wood for meeting house &c. — — 81.09

To Adam Brown for Highway plough — — 6,, —

To Zacheus Pond for boarding Widow Mary White from Jany 1, 1823 to Jany 1, 1824 and for repairing highway plough & pick — — — — — 105.12

To James Robbins for carting lumber for Bridge &c. ——————————————— 6.50

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Also at said meeting Nath[l] R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana were appointed for leasing the Fishery the ensuing year

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the Engine called the Relief.——viz.

James Robbins	John Daniels
Thomas Soden	Horatio Nichols
Charles H. Chandler	Benj[a] Dana
John M. Harris	Roland Rose
Benj[a] F. Farrar	Andrew Cole
Francis Leathe	Sam[l] Barnard
Giles A. Meacham	

Also for Engine N° 1 the following persons were appointed viz.

Isaac Robbins	Daniel Rice Jr.
Charles Coolidge	John Bond
Henry Bright	Giles H. Hawes
Lewis Upham	William Johnson
Alpheus Cutter	Moses Whitney Jr.
Asa Pratt	C. V. Swan
Rufus Lee	Henry Kendall
Charles Swift	John M. Peirce
Jefferson C. Farrar	

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for town Meeting Feb 4, 1824

The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant Jan[y] 30th 1824. viz.

Seal. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the town *Seal.* of Watertown——————————————Greeting

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Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth *Seal* of Maſsachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown, qualified to vote in town affairs to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Wednesday, the fourth day of February next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles. viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.——

2d To know if the town will take any measures to oppose the petition of the town of Brighton relative to the Fishery, now pending before the Legislature of this Commonwealth, and act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of January AD. 1824

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
} Selectmen of Watertown

Watertown Febʸ 2, 1824

Middlesex ſs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Thaddeus Cole Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants aſsembled Febʸ 4, 1824 and proceeded as follows.

1st Voted & Chose Thomᵃˢ Clark Esqr. Moderator

2d Voted that a Committee be chosen to appear before the Committee of the Legislature, to oppose the petition of Brighton, and prevent if poſsible the repeal of the law regulating the preservation of the fish, called Shad and Alewives and other fish in Charles River——

Voted and Chose for said Committee — Levi Thaxter, Abijah White, Thomas Clark

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Wednesday at 3 oclock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.——

Attest Nath[l] R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Wednesday, the day of adjournment, being very inclement the meeting was not attended; consequently nothing transpired relative to the object of adjournment

Att[st] NR Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Feb[y] 16, 1824.——

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

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To Gilbert Nichols, his account for sundries supplied the poor and for making cartridges and for bridge repairs — — — — — — — — — — — —	14,, 66
To Joshua Coolidge Jr his acct. for sundries supplied the poor & for bell rope — — — — —	21.60
To Jonathan Whitney Jr. his account for laying out Mr Nutting & for work cutting ice —	1.25
To Doct. Nath[l] Bemis for medicine and attendance on the poor the year past and all demands to date — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13.50
To Widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benj[a] Whitney one quarter ending Jan[y] 31, 1824	19.50
To the City of Boston for the support of M[rs] Warren, Jefse Sanger, and for the funeral expenses Dodge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Newell Bent for 2 Sticks of timber for the great bridge — — — — — — — — — — — —	9.08

To Abijah White for Men and oxen getting plank for bridge out of the river and for transporting Jeſse Sanger to Westminister — — — —	9,, —
To J. & D. Kendall for meal supplied Wm Winchester's family — — — — — — — — — —	4.10
To C. P. Wood his acc^t^ for making doors for School house; boarding over the bell at meeting house & for planking bridge — — — — — — — —	33.50
To Samuel Bird his acct. for fixing funnel for meeting house, & straitening spikes for bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2.51
To Eben^r^ Smith for Mason work at East district School house — — — — — — — — — —	,, 50

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To Richard Sanger for four posts for ministerial land — — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 56
To Samuel Walker for the support of Tabby Learned from Oct. 1 to date—20 weeks @ .50 — —	10,, —
To Amos Livermore for Shoes supplied Wm Winchester & D. Barnard — — — — — — — —	3.60
To Amos Livermore his acct. for setting glaſs in east district School house — — — — — —	9.30
To Nathl Broad for boarding Jeſse Sanger &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11. 8
To Jerome Hearsy for setting glaſs in School houses and meeting house & painting ladder — — —	12.42
To John Clark for sund^s^ supplied the poor —	44.22
To Elisha Stratton for Selectmen's expences the past year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —
To Mrs Hannah Adams for keeping house for Wm Winchester 1 year from Feby 17, 1823 to date 52 weeks—— @ 4/6 — — — — — — — —	39,, —
To Jo. Robbins for the Support of Chloe Fisk 3 M^o^ ending Feby 14, 1824 — — — — — — —	17,, 50

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

At the foregoing meeting the Selectmen ifsued the following warrant.——

To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——————————————Greeting

L. S You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
L. S monwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon, notify and warn
L. S the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of
L. S Watertown qualified by law to vote

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In the election of town officers, and in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1st To chooses a Moderator for said Meeting.——
2d To choose all town officers required by law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually——
3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services——
4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and act any thing thereon.——
6th To grant money to open make and repair the highways in said town & act any thing thereon——
7th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon.——
8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon.——
9th To hear the reports of any other Committees and act any thing thereon.——
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor, for the year ensuing, to grant money to pay for the same and act any thing thereon.——
11th To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury & act any thing thereon.——

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12th To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes, for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.——
13th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain birds & act any thing thereon——
14th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house and act any thing thereon.——
15. To know if the town will dispose of the Hay Scales and act any thing thereon.——
16 To know if the town will take any measures to preserve the Fish in Charles River and act any thing thereon.——
17. To know if the town will accept of the Bell procured by their Committee and act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty four

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Moses Chenery
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
} Selectmen of Watertown

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Middlesex ſs. Watertown March 1st 1824, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two Copies of this warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Thaddeus Cole } Constable

Agreeably to the Warrant issued the Inhabitants met in open town meeting March 1st 1824, and proceeded to act by articles as follows. viz.

March Meeting 1824

Article 1st Voted and Chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Moderator.
2nd Voted & Chose John Clark, Town Clerk. And was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the peace.

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen
- Abijah White
- Amos Livermore
- Joshua Coolidge Jr.
- Peter Clark
- James Robbins

Voted & Chose for Assessors
- Thomas Clark
- Amos Livermore
- Levi Thaxter

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting till Two O clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place——

Agreeably to Adjournment the meeting was opened and proceeded as follows——

Voted that Constables shall not receive any pay except for Special services——

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Voted & Chose for Constables
- John H Clark
- Gilbert Nichols

Voted & Chose for Fence Viewers
- Samuel Learned
- Paul Learned
- Nathaniel Bright
- Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Tything Men
- Asa Pratt
- George Coolidge

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Nathaniel Broad
- Constantine V. Swan

Voted & chose for Field Drivers
- Phineas Sanderson
- Joseph Bird
- William Horn
- James Gillpatrick
- Nathaniel Broad
- Luke Bemis

Voted & chose for Hog-reeves
- Thomas Dana
- Jotham Keyes
- Joseph Bird
- John H. Clark

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Elisha Stratton
- Luke Bemis
- Nathaniel Broad
- Daniel A. Tainter
- James Gillpatrick
- Moses Chenery

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber
- Isaac Dana
- Coolidge P Wood

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Isaac Dana
- William Horn

Voted and chose for Fire Wards
- John Hunting
- Levi Thaxter
- Nathaniel Bright
- John Clark
- Abijah White
- Elisha Livermore
- Eliakim Morse
- Joshua Coolidge Jr.
- Seth Bemis

Voted and Chose for a Com--mittee to protect the rights which the town have to the Shad & Alewife Fishery
- Samuel Learned
- Elisha W. Dana
- Edward Lowd
- David Stone 2nd
- Samuel Somes

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Voted to choose a Committe to examine the records of the town relative to the Fishery for ten Years last past and report a statement of facts at the next Town meeting relative to the same

Voted and chose for said Committee { Jeremiah Fowle, Levi Thaxter, Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Pound Keeper, Nathaniel Woodward

3rd Voted that the choice of a Sexton be refered to the Selectmen

4th Voted that the town take no order respecting Swine
Also Voted that neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year.——

5th Voted to Grant the sum as reported by the Selectmen & Treasurer see by their estimate under Article 8th the sum to be appropriated in the several districts the same as last year.——

Also Voted to grant the sum of Seventy five Dollars for the purpose of keeping a Singing-School the ensuing Year.——

Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Samuel Barry, Isaac Patten, Elisha Livermore

6th Voted to grant for opening & repairing Highways twenty five cents upon every rateable pool, and other estates in proportion.——each Man to be allowed, twelve & half Cents per hour, and a Good team the same as a Man.——

7th Voted that all Amounts against the town shall be presented to the Selectmen for their allowance.——

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8th Voted to Accept the report of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the estimates and grant the following sums for the Year ensuing. viz.—

For opening & repairing Highways 25 Cents on a pool and other estates in proportion

For Supporting the poor. — — — — — — —	1200,, —
For Support of Schools. — — — — — — —	1200,, —
For Support of the Ministry	570,, —
For all contingent expences	500,, —

See report on file

9th pafsed, no Committee made any report.——

10th Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Poor.——

11th Voted that the town Accept the Account of the Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a Committee for that purpose, and place the same on file, the result of which is—

Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is charged with the sum of ———————————	7580,, 39
and is Credited with the sum of ————	6372,, 65
leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer (as will appear on file) the Sum of ——	1207,, 64

12th Voted to farm out the Taxes in the usual way and that when we do adjourn it be to the House of Luke Robinson, for that purpose.——

13th Voted to dismiss this Article.——

14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews in the Meeting House to the Selectmen to be let at Auction.——

15th Voted that the Selectmen be A Committee to dispose of the Hay-scales in any way which they shall think best

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16th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committe to prosecute any person or persons who may violate the laws respecting the taking of fish in Charles river——
Also that they pursue the Cause now in Court to a final Judgement

17th Voted to Grant the sum of one Hundred dollars to defray expences of the new Bell.——
Also Voted that the town disapprove of the present bell and desire the Committee to exchange the same once more with Mr George H Holbrook, Agreeably to their contract.——
Voted to Adjourn the Meeting till 7 Oclock, then to meet at the House of Luke Robinson.——

Agreeably to Adjournment of the foregoing meeting they met at the House of Luke Robinson and proceeded to farm out the taxes on the following terms and conditions. viz— the purchaser to Give good and sufficient bonds to Acceptance of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty, and that, if the taxes are not collected within one year from the time of receiving them he (the purchaser) is not entitled to receive any premium for Collecting.——

The taxes were then put up and Struck off to Thaddeus Cole for one & half cent on a dollar, he being the lowest bidder

Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Collector

Voted to diſsolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oaths of Town Officers

March 1st 1824 Abijah White, Amos Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr., Peter Clark, and James Robbins, were sworn as Selectmen.——
Thomas Clark, Amos Livermore and, Levi Thaxter were sworn as Aſseſsors——
John H. Clark and Gilbert Nichols, were Sworn as Constables——
Samuel Learned Nathaniel Bright and, Peter Clark were sworn as fence Viewers——
Phineas Sanderson, William Horn and, Nathaniel Broad, were sworn as Field drivers——
Jotham Keyes and, John H. Clark, were Sworn as Hogreeves——
Nathaniel Broad, was Sworn as Surveyor of Highways——
Isaac Dana, was Sworn as Surveyor of Lumber——
Isaac Dana and, William Horn were Sworn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves——

All the above before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting March 15 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Elisha Stratton March 15th 1824 the following buſineſs was transacted

To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown. You are hereby directed to pay out of the Treasurey to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed to their names Viz.

To Mahitable Segars for one Years Weekly allowance from April 3 1823 to April 3 1824 — — — — — — — — — —	$39,, 00
To Gilbert Kirker for the support of Robert Saunderson from December 2nd 1823 to March 2nd 1824 it being 13 Weeks	26,, 00
	$65,, 00

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To Thomas Clark Esquire for his services as Aſsessor for 1823 — — — — — — —	22,, 80
To Levi Thaxter Esquire for his services as Treasurer & Aſsesſor & for Stationary for 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — —	66,, 00
To Amos Livermore Esquire for his services as Aſsesſor for 1823 — — — — — —	13,, 50
To Silas Goodnow, in full for the Support of————Furlong while lame, it being the amount received from the Commonwealth — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 10
To Thomas Clark, Amos Livermore and Nathaniel Bright, for their services as a Committe to oppose the Road leading over the U. S. Arsenal Land, the same includes the amount paid S. P. P. Fay Esqr as Council — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, 00
	201,, 40

Thaddeus Cole, Samuel Learned and John H Clark, were appointed Auctioneers for one Year from the first of April next

George Coolidge, was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures for the ensuing Year——

Elisha W. Dana, Adolphus Cannon, Thomas Gookin and Amasa Jackson, were appointed Weighers of Beef for the Year ensuing.——

Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson, & Thaddeus Cole were appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the ensuing year

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Warrant for April Meeting

At the foregoing Meeting the following Warrant was iſsued———

Middlesex ſs To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown. Greeting.

LS *LS* *LS* *LS* *LS* You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and, Counsellors.——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles, viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.——
2nd To Give in their votes for County Treasurer.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.——Given under our hands and seals at Watertown the fifteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1824

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Joshua Coolidge Jr
Peter Clark
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Notice to perambulate the town lines

Also They gave notice to the Selectmen of Newton, Waltham, Cambridge and West Cambridge, to meet them or such persons as they should appoint, for the purpose of perambulating the town lines agreeably to a law pafsed March 23 AD. 1786, in the following manner. viz⁓

To the Selectmen of Newton, to meet them at Bacons tavern at Newton Corner on Thursday the 25th March Instant at 8 O'Clock A.M. & Abijah White & Joshua Coolidge Jr were appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.——

To the Selectmen of Waltham, to meet at the house of Moses Bright in Watertown on Thursday the 25th March Instant at 11 O'Clock A.M. & Abijah White & Joshua Coolidge Jr were appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.——

To the Selectmen of Cambridge, to meet at Mrs Bellows' Tavern in Watertown on Friday the 26th March int. at 8 O'Clock A. M. & Abijah White & Peter Clark were Appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.——

To the Selectmen of West Cambridge to meet at the house of Peter Clark in Watertown, on Friday the 26th March Inst. at 2, O'Clock P.M. & Abijah White & Peter Clark, were appointed a Committee to perambulate the lines with them.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Notices & Appointments the Selectmen of the Several towns aforesaid met, and perambulated the lines between said towns and made the following reports, viz.⁓

Report of the Committees Appointed to perambulate the town lines

We the undersigned subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham, hereby Certify that we have this twenty fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and twenty four Perambulated the lines between the said towns, and found the former bounds in some instances defaced & nearly distroyed and we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner (viz)

1st At a Stone Marked W.W. on the North bank of Charles River, at the West corner of Watertown in land of the Hon Christopher Gore, from thence to the 2nd which is a stone standing in the

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Back road by the side of said Gores wall near the gate south of his House, from thence to the 3d which is a button Wood tree marked W.W. in land of the said Gore near the small Bridge or Sluiceway acroſs the Great road leading from Watertown to Waltham, from thence to the 4th which is a small heap of Stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidges wall, from thence to the 5th which is a Stone Mark'd W.W. Standing on a Small heap of Stones against Barns' wall about fifteen Rods, east of his House, from thence to the 6th which is a great Oak tree marked W.W. in land of Jonas White, from thence to the 7th which is a Stone Marked W.W. in the road leading from Watertown to Lexington, by the side of Leonard & Jonas Bonds wall, called the Tom Harrington place, from thence to the 8th which is a heap of Stones near a small Ceder tree, in land of Jonas White formerly belonging to Phineas Stearnes, from thence to the 9th which is a heap of Stones on a flat rock in land of Capt Charles Wellington, and formerly owned by Samuel White, from thence to the 10th and last which is a Stone Marked W.W. in land of Peter Clark, and on the line that divides Watertown & Waltham, from West Cambridge.

Abijah White, Joshua Coolidge Jr } Selectmen of Watertown.

Luke Fiske, Abijah Whitney } Selectmen of Waltham

Recorded by John Clark, Town Clerk

We the undersigned Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown and Cambridge, hereby certify that we have this Twenty sixth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and twenty four, Perambulated the lines between said Towns, and found on examination some of the Ancient marks and monuments distroyed, And we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner. viz. 1st A locust post on the southwest side of a ditch, which is a dividing line between land of the late Elbridge Gerry

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& the late Moſes Stone deceased on the northerly bank of Charles River, Thence northerly by said ditch to the 2nd which is a post at the Shore of the Marsh on the upland in the dividing line aforesaid marked W.C. from thence northerly nearly in a Straight line to the 3rd which is a button wood tree in the line aforesaid marked W.C. thence curving a little as said dividing line runs to the 4th which is a post on the westerly side of a Stone wall marked W.C. thence curving as said wall runs, to the 5th. which is a post at the corner thereof marked W.C.C. from thence making nearly a right angle, and running westerly in a Straight line to the 6th. which is a post marked W.W.C. in the Corner of land of the heirs of the late Moses Stone deceased, then running northerly to the 7th which is a post marked W.C.C. on the South side of the road leading from Watertown to Cambridge and in land of the Hon William Gray, and nearly opposite said Grays house thence running westerly by the Southerly side of said road to the 8th which is a post marked W.W.C. from thence croſsing Said road and running northerly between lands of Coburn & Bird and Land of Jonas Wyeth Junr in a Straight line to the 9th. which is a post on the shore of fresh Pond marked W.C. in the line between land of Coburn & Bird & lands of the late Elbridge Gerry deceased, from thence in a Straight line untill it comes to the dividing lines in said pond between Cambridge, West Cambridge & Watertown.

Abijah White
Peter Clark
} Selectmen of Watertown

Newell Bent
Samuel F. Sawyer
} Selectmen of Cambridge

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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We the under signed Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown and West Cambridge, hereby Certify that we have this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, Perambulated and run the lines between said Towns and found the Ancient marks and monuments in some instances distroyed and in others defaced. And we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner. viz——1st Beginning at a Stone in land of Peter Clark at the Corner of Watertown & Waltham, and adjoining West Cambridge thence running to the 2nd bound mark, which is a White Oak tree on the South side of Cambridge & Concord Turnpike in land of Peter Clark, marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. Thence running northeasterly and crofsing said Turnpike to the 3rd bound mark, which is a Swamp white oak tree in land of Jonas & Leonard Bond marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. thence turning a right angle and crofsing said turnpike about eight rods from said tree to the 4th bound-mark, which is a Stone marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. in land formerly belonging to Solomon Prentifs—thence running to the 5th. bound mark which is a small Elm tree marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. in the end of the wall on the South side of the aforesaid turnpike, at the northeast Corner of land belonging Leonard Stone. Thence running to the 6th bound mark which is a post marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. in land of Mr Smith and formerly owned by Richard Richardson And from thence to the 7th. and last bound mark, which is a post marked $\frac{W}{C\ W}$. Standing on the north-west side of fresh Pond (so called) and on the Division line of lands belonging to Mr Foster, and formerly belonging to John T. Apthrop and land of William Gay, and formerly owned by Elizabeth Prentifs.—

Abijah White, Peter Clark } Selectmen of Watertown

Thomas Rufsell, Jonathan Frost } Selectmen of West Cambridge

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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We the undersigned Subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and Newton, hereby certify that we have this twenty fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, perambulated the lines between said Towns, and found on examination, the bound marks to be perfectly plain, and as follows, Viz——1st A Stone Marked W.N. Standing on the South side of Charles River in land belonging to the heirs of the late Nath[l] Weld deceased; from thence Southerly to the second which is a Stone Marked W.N. Standing on land of John Richardson, which bound makes a corner; from thence westerly crofsing the great Road leading from Watertown to Newton, to a Stone Marked W.N. Standing on the afore said road in land of Eliakim Morse which is the 3rd; from thence to the fourth which is a Stone Marked W.N. Standing in land lately belonging to Cornelius Lenox deceased, and a little easterly of s[d] Lenox's house which stone makes a Corner; from thence to the 5th in a northerly direction to a stone on the south Shore of Charles River in land of Isaac Griner marked W.N. all of which bounds we have agreed to; And also that the dividing point between the said Towns on the Bemis Bridge so called shall be at the north end of the Middle Stone pier in said bridge which is the same as agreed to, by the Selectmen of said Towns October 18th 1819.

Abijah White, Joshua Coolidge Jr } Selectmen of Watertown

William Jackson, James Fuller } Selectmen of Newton

Attest John,,Clark Town Clerk

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1824 Watertown April 5th 1824

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time & place & for the purpose there expreſs'd, by posting two Attested Copies of the within Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town, two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

April Meeting 1824

At a public town Meeting held Agreeably to the Warrant iſsued March the 15th 1824 the Inhabitants of Watertown Met April 5th to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, the result of which is as follows Viz.

for Governor	For	His Excellency William Eustis	121 Votes
	For	Samuel Lathrop Esq	83 Votes
for Lieut Governor	For	Marcus Morton Esq	121 Votes
	For	Richard Sullivan Esq	83 Votes
Senators		Hon Levi Thaxter	120 Votes
		" John Keyes	121 "
		" John Wade	120
		" Micah M. Rutter	122
		" Seth Knowles	121
		Abial Heywood	77
		William Blanchard Jr	79
		William Hilliard	76
		Edmund Parker	79
		Cyrus Baldwin	80
		William Austin	1

The Votes were then Accordingly declared and Sealed up in open town meeting

Attest John,,Clark, Town Clerk

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The Meeting for the choice of a County Treasurer was then opened, and Levi Thaxter Esqr Chosen Moderator

The Votes being called for, Counted and sorted were for John Keyes 38 votes

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting April 5 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson on Monday the 5th of April 1824 the following buſineſs was transacted Viz. The pews in the Gallery of the Meeting house belonging to the town were leased on the

following conditions for one Year from the first of May next. The purchaser to pay Cash down, or give a note payable on the said first day of May at which time he takes possession.——

Beginning at No 1 which is the pew in the West Gallery being at the northwest Corner next to the wall

No 1 to	John Hunting	For 3,, 25
2 "	Amasa Jackson	" 2,, 87½
3 "	George Long	" 2,, 50
4 "	Rufus Lee	" 2,, 12½
5 "	Daniel Waters	" 2,, 62½
6 "	Daniel Peirce	" 2,, 50

East Side beginning next to the Singers

No 1 to	James Robbins	" 3,, 87½
2 "	Abijah White	" 3,, 25
3 "	Levi Whitney	" 3,, 50
4 "	Hugh Hall	" 3,, 50
5 "	George Coolidge	" 3,, 37½
6 "	Abijah White	" 3,, 37½
		$36,, 75

Attest John,,Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Apl 5 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6th 1824, they sold the Hay-Scales belonging to the Town to John Richardson for the sum of Eighty one Dollars $81,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmen's Meeting Apl 12th 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Elisha Stratton April 12 1824.——The following buſineſs was transacted

To Levi Thaxter Esq[r] Treasurer of Watertown, You are hereby directed to pay out of the Treasurey, to the persons hereafter named, the Several Sums annex'd their respective names——viz.

To Samuel Hyde, for the support of Jonathan Nutting one Year to March 30th, 1824 and for clothing supplyd the same — — — — — —	106,, 25
To Lois Curtis for Grave Gown for Charles Nutting and for Cap & Hkf for his wife, at the time of their death — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 75
To ———— Hart for Support of Mrs Greene three months from december 18th, 1823 to March 18th 1824 — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 50
To Thomas Whitney for the Support of Lucy White one Year to 2nd March 1824 — — —	39,, 00
To the Widdow Hannah Farrar, for the Support of Benj[a] Whitney one quarter ending April 30th 1824 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Nathaniel R Whitney J[r] for his Services as Town Clerk for the past Year. — — — — —	25,, 00
	$200,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the above Meeting the following persons were appointed Engine Men for the engine called the Relief viz⁀

Jonathan B. Harrington
Noah Wyeth
Frederic A. Bemis

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Daniel A. Taintor Sworn as Surveyor of Highways before John Clark, Town Clerk.⁀

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 26th 1824, the following buſineſs was transacted

viz. Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1824.——Twenty dollars being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, putting up and taking down the Stoves and Funnels, Sawing wood, sweeping the Meeting house &c——For attending the funerals of adults, three dollars and fifty cents in the Summer and four dollars in the Winter, and for Children in proportion.——

Also The following Warrant was issued

Warrant for May Meeting

Middlesex ſs. To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables of Town of Watertown——————Greeting ————

LS *LS* *LS* *LS* *LS* You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified agreeably to the Constitution, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the tenth day of May next, at Three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the next General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wedneſday of May next———

Also You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the tenth day of May next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon to Act on the following articles——Viz——

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——

2nd To know if they will take any measures to ascertain what right the town has to any lands or paſsways, not at present occupied by them, and act any thing thereon——

3nd To hear the report of any Committe, and Act any thing thereon

4th To Know if the Town will hear the petition of Luke Bemis, and others respecting widening the back road leading to the Waltham

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Factories, And Act any thing thereon.——

5th To Know if the town will hear the Request of Jeremiah Fowle and act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.——Given under our hands and seals this twenty Sixth day of April AD. 1824—

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Joshua Coolidge Jr
Peter Clark
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown May 10th 1824

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the male Inhabitants of Said town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting two attested copies of the within warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled May 10th 1824, And proceeded to vote as follows Viz—

Voted to Send two Representatives; the votes being then called for were

For Abijah White Eighty Nine Votes
" Thomas Clark Sixty Seven Votes
" Marshall B. Spring Twenty Eight Votes

Abijah White & Thomas Clark were Accordingly declared to be Chosen

The Meeting for the transacting of Town Affairs was then opened Agreeably to the warrant——

Article 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Moderator——

2nd Voted to Choose a Committee to ascertain what right the town has to any Lands, or paſsways not at present Occupied by them——
Voted & Chose the Selectmen for said Committee

3rd The following report was made.——

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Watertown May 10th 1824

To the Inhabitants of Watertown in Townmeeting afsembled

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of said Town, at a public Town meeting held on the 4th of March AD. 1822, together with Capt John Fowle of late deceased for establishing the boundaries near Treadaways bridge (so called) between Jonathan Coolidge Esqr & others, and the Town & to pass quit claim deeds; which has not been done; considering the circumstance of the death of said Fowle, we think it incumbent on us to give you this information that you may act on the subject as you may judge expedient

All which is Submited by — Joseph Peirce
Nath[l] R. Whitney

4th Voted to dismifs this article

5th Voted to dismifs this article

Voted to difsolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

April 27 1824 William Lock of Newton applied and received a certificate that he was a member of the Congregational religious Society in Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

April 30 Josiah Tilden of Newton Applied and received a certificate that he was a Member of the Congregational religious society in Watertown

From John Clark, Town Clerk

Certificate of Allen Ward

This may certify that M[r] Allen Ward of the Town of Watertown is a Member of the first Universal Society in Newton, Newton April 12 1824, By order of the Standing Committee

George Murdock, Clerk

Certificate of Jos Mead Danl Damon J D. Park

This certifies that Joseph Mead, Daniel Damon, & John D Park all of Watertown are Members of the Congregational religious Society in the West precinct in Newton

Joseph Jackson prcnt. Clerk

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May 1st 1824 Nathaniel Woodward Sworn as pound Keeper before John Clark, Town Clerk

May 3 1824 Elisha Stratton, Sworn as surveyor of Highways Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting May 12 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 12th 1824 The following warrant was drawn for Town Meeting.——

Warrant for Town Meeting.

Middlesex fs, To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to summon, notify & warn the freeholders other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the thirty first day of May Instant at five of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, Viz——

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.——
2nd To Know if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen & Act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals this twelfth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twenty four.

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting two copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house two sundays prior to the date hereof

Watertown May 31–1824 Gilbert Nichols Constable

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Town Meeting

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown assembled and proceeded to Vote by articles as follows—

Article 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark, Moderator

Article 2nd Voted to Accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen May 12th 1824——

Voted to diſsolve the meeting——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oaths

May 22 1824 James Gillpatrick was sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the Year ensuing Before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

May 24 1824 Luke Bemis was Sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the year ensuing Before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

June 1 1824 Moses Chenery was Sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the year ensuing

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting May 31 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House Elisha Stratton May 31 1824, the following Accounts were Allowed, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same (Viz)

To the east district School House Committe for Stove & Funnel for School House, which they Bought of J P. Bradlee — — — — — — — — —	28,, 41
To Joseph Robbins for the Support of Chloe Fisk 3 m° from Febry 14 1824 to May 14, 1824 —	17,, 50
To Asa Pratt for his services as Sexton One Year to 3d May 1824 & for Sundries paid for by him for house — — — — — — — — — — — — —	35,, 87
To Daniel Jackson for the Support of Fredrick Remmington one year to June 1 1824 & Clothing Supplyed — — — — — — — — — — —	30,, 00
	$111,, 78

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting July 12 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 12 1824 the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same (Viz)

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To Elijah Hager for the Support of Lucy Hager from December 1, 1823 to June 1 1824 26 weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$32,, 50

To Wm Wait for the Support of Ann Green 3 m° from March 18 to June 18–1824 — — — — 6,, 50

To Samuel Walker for the Support of Tabby Learned from February 16 1824 to July 8th 1824 20 weeks — — — — — — — — — — 10,,

To S Sawin for the Support of Newton Baxter from Novr 28 1823 to May 28 1824—26 weeks & for Support of Jeſse Sanger 14 weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — 66,, 50

To the Widdow Hannah Farrar for the Support of Benjamin Whitney three months from April 30 to July 30—1824 — — — — — — 19,, 50

To Gilbert Kirker, for the Support of Robert Saunders from March 2nd to June 2nd 1824 and for Making a Shirt for him — — — — — — — 26,, 66

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the foregoing meeting the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1 (Viz)

Hiram Steele
Asa Thayer Jr
Levi Whitney

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting August 2 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 2nd 1824, they proceeded as follows Viz. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

To Joseph Robinson for the support of Chloe Fisk 3 Months to August 14th 1824 — — — — $17,, 50

To Mark Vose for his Account for the Support of John Remington Two Years from May 1st 1822 to May 1st 1824, & for Clothing Supply'd him to the said 1st May 1824 & for boarding Jeſse Sanger from May 14 1823 to Sept 7 1823 Also, for boarding & Clothing Supply'd Dyer Loverage a pauper

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Of Deerfield from October 15th 1822 to Nov 5, 1822 & for Supporting Sally Barry from June 9th 182* to June 9 1824 making in all the Sum of — $188,, 50

Also Elisha S. Lyman was appointed an Engine Man for Engine No 2

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

August 2 1824 Isaac Dana was Sworn as Measurer of Wood & Bark before

John Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Sept 6 1824

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Sept 6 1824. The following businefs was transacted

George Lawton & Frederick A. Sumner were appointed Engine Men for Engine No. 1.——

Also, the following persons were Aprobated as Innholders & Retailers Viz

Luke Robinson, Elisha Stratton, Nathaniel Broad — Innholders

John Clark, Thaddeus Cole, Luke Bemis — Retailers

Likewise, the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same

To Josiah Mason Jr & Co for Lumber for Bemis' Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — 161.97

To J & David Kendall for Meal for William Winchester to August 28 1824 — — — — — — —

To William Rogers for one days work on Bemis' Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1.60

To Ebenezer Hayward for Stones & Labour Making and securing the Main sills of Bemis' Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 42,,09

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To the Town of South Reading for the Support of Joseph Prentifs from October 1 1823 to Oct 1 1824	76,, 20
To Phineas Cary for Stones & Labour on Bemis' Bridge	62,, 83
To David Hager for services rendered at the death of Mrs Nutting	1,, 50
To Gilbert Kirker for the Support of Robert Saunders, from June 2nd 1824 to Sept 2 1824	26,, 00
To Jotham Keyes for Labour & Stones Repairing Sluiceway at Cooks Pond & Treadaways Bridge	26,, 70
To Joseph Bright, a balance due him for the Support of David Barnard one year to May 1, 1824	15,, 97

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

The following Warrant was drawn by the Selectmen and handed to the Constable to warn the Inhabitants for a Special town Meeting.——

Warrant for Town Meeting

Middlesex fs—To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.——————Greeting

LS *LS* *LS* *LS* *LS* You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to summon Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of October next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles (Viz)

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting.——

2nd To Know if the town will excuse the Selectmen who were a Committee Appointed in may last and appoint another in their stead for the purpose of ascertaining what right the town has to any lands or paſsways not at present

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Occupied by them, and Act any thing thereon——
3nd To know if the town will do any part of making another Sluice way near Treadaways bridge, and give liberty to the proprietors of the Cambridge port Turnpike to raise the Road from the east end of said Turnpike to the square near the pump, and Act any thing thereon.——
4th. To hear the request of George Coolidge and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting——

Given Under our hands and seals this Twenty eighth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge Jr
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein Mentioned.——

Watertown Octr 4 1824 G. Nichols, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled and proceeded to vote as follows October 4 1824

Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2nd Voted not to excuse the Selectmen who were formerly chosen A Committee to ascertain what right the town has to any lands or paſsways not at present occupied by them from acting on the same.

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Voted to add three to the Committee

Voted & Chose Nath[l] Bemis
Tyler Bigelow and
Nath[l] R Whitney Esqrs

and that they be directed to attend to the buſineſs and make report of their doings at the next town Meeting

3rd Voted to Choose a Committee to widden Treadaways Bridge
Voted & Chose for Said Committee the Selectmen together

with Nath[l] Bemis
Tyler Bigelow and
Nath[l] R Whitney Esqrs

and that they be directed to widden Treadaways Bridge or Sluiceway to such width as may be deemed Sufficient to prevent an overflow of water in time of freshet, either by contract or any otherway they shall think most for the interest of the town, and draw their order on the Treasurer for money to defray the expence of the same
Voted that the remaining part of this article be refered to the same Committe. (Viz) and give liberty to the proprietors of the Cambridge port Turnpike to raise the Road from the east end of said Turnpike to the square near the pump

4th Voted that the Committe be directed not to paſs any quit claim deeds as requested by M[r] George Coolidge
Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in November next then to meet in this place at two of the Clock in the afternoon

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Oct 14 1824

At A meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton October 14 1824—The following Accounts were allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Zacheus Pond for Spikes & Iron posts for Bemis' Bridge ——————————— 5.33

To Gilbert Kirker for boarding & attendance on Robert Sanderson from the 2nd Sept to the 10—1824 ——————————— 5,, 50

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To Samuel Walker for the Support of Tabby Learned from July 8 to October 8 1824—13 Weeks ——————————— 6,, 50

To Hugh Gragg for 3 days Labour on Bemis Bridge ——————————— 5,, 25

To Samuel Somes for 14 days labour on Bemis' Bridge ——————————— 26—85

To Thomas Soden for 5 ½ days Labour on Bemis Bridge ——————————— 11——

To Daniel Waters for Nine days Labour on Bemis' Bridge ——————————— 15—75

To Elisha Livermore Joseph Peirce & Adam Brown, the Committe Appointed to procure a new Bell for the Town, the balance of expendatures for said purpose as per Account certified at this time ——————————— 136.48

Also—the following Warrant was drawn for Town Meeting——

Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives to Congrefs & Electors of President &c——

Middlesex fs To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.——————— Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote
L S for Representatives to the General Court of said Common-
L S wealth, to Aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said
L S town on Monday the first day of November next at two of
L S the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Repre-
L S sentatives of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States for the Middlesex district.—

Also,—in like manner to aſsemble at the same place at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Seleƈtmen on or before

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Before the time Appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge Jr
James Robbins
} Seleƈtmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notifyed and warned the male inhabitants of said town of Watertown, qualified as therein expreſs'd, to meet at the time and place and for the purposses therein mentioned by posting at the public Meeting house two Copies of the within two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Watertown Novr 1st 1824 Gilbert Nichols, Constable

Meeting for the choice of Representative Electors &c

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſsed, met at the public Meeting-house in said Watertown on Monday the 1st day of Novr 1824 at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon and proceeded to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Congreſs of the United States, the Votes being sorted and counted by the Seleƈtmen were declared by them to be as follows (viz)

For Mr Edward Everett one Hundred and four votes 104
For Levi Thaxter Esquire Twenty one votes—— 21

Votes for Electors were then called for, which were brought in counted and Sorted and declared to be as follows

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Electors at Large

Hon William Gray, one Hundred and fifteen Votes 115
Hon Levi Lincoln, one Hundred and fifteen Votes 115
" William Baylies, Twelve Votes 12
William Reed Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Suffolk district

Hon Thomas L Winthrop, of Boston, one Hundred and fifteen votes 115
" Samuel Hubbard Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Essex South District

Hon Nathaniel Silsbee, of Salem one hundred and fifteen votes 115
William Sutton Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Essex North District

Hon Thomas Kittredge, of Andover, one hundred & fifteen votes 115
David How Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Middlesex district

Augustus Tower, Esqr. of Stow one hundred & fifteen 115
Edmund Foster Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Worcester South district

General Jonathan Davis of Oxford one hundred & fifteen 112
Daniel Shurber Twelve Votes 15

Electors for Worcester North District

Col Edmund Cushing, of Lunenburg one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Hon Solomon Strong Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Franklin district

Oliver Smith, Esqr. of Hatfield one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Gen. Samuel Porter Twelve Votes 12

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Electors for Hampden district

Enos Foot, Esquire, of Southwick, one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Timothy Horton Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Berkshire district

Hon. William Walker of Lenox one hundred & twenty seven votes 127

Electors for Norfolk district

Hon John Endicott, of Dedham one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Hon Benjamin Reynolds Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Plymouth district.

Hon Thomas Weston, of Middleborough, one Hundred & fifteen votes 115
Benjamin Hobart, Esqr. Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Bristol district

Cornelius Grinnell, Esqr. of New-Bedford one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Hon John M. Williams Twelve Votes 12

Electors for Barnstable district

Hesekiah Barnard, Esq. of Nantucket, one hundred & fifteen votes 115
Nymphas Morton, Esqr. Twelve Votes 12

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Adjournment of Town Meeting of Oct 14th 1824

Agreeably to adjournment of the Town Meeting October 4, 1824 the Inhabitants aſsembled at the public Meeting-house Nov. 1, 1824 at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon, the meeting was opened by the moderator and following report and resolves were read and ordered to be accepted & reported at length on the Town records

The committee chosen by the Town of Watertown to ascertain what rights the town has to any lands or paſsage ways—to investigate

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The subject & report their doings to the town—have in pursuance of their appointment attended to the subject & ask leave to report in part viz

That they have investigated the rights of the town to the lands lying easterly of the Stream paſsing under Treadway bridge the mill creek & Charles river, from the great road leading to the Meeting house down to the John Sanger estate, so called, now owned by Mr Isaac Patten——and they find——that the land easterly of said stream mill creek & Charles river, & adjacent thereto, from the said great road down to the said Sanger estate, has been common & uninclosed from time immemorial—& been used & improved by all the inhabitants and the public for the purposes of paſsing & repaſsing, common landings——wharfage &c——That the late Mr David Sanger owned & improved the lands lying easterly of those above discribed and used for public purposes as aforesaid——That as early as the year 1739 & at divers times afterwards the town took measures to let the said lands & actually let the same, as appears by the records of the town——That it appears also by the same records that the said David Sanger at divers times between the year 1740 & the year 1780 petitioned the town to sell to him the said lands & that the town uniformly refused to grant his petition——excepting about the year 1750, when the town voted to sell him "five rods for a wharf" but it does not appear that any deeds were ever given of the same nor that any part of said land was ever exclusively occupied

and improved by him——That the site or line of the old wall to which the said Sanger improved is now visible from the garden of the Rev. Mr Francis southwardly for many rods.——

Your Committee further find that after the division of the estate of the said David Sanger to & among his heirs, that part of his estate lying easterly of the lands used by the public

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As aforesaid—came into the possesion of Jonathan Coolidge Esqr of Waltham & Mr Isaac Patten as tenants in common That said Coolidge & Patten about the year 1808—without any legal discontinuance of the rights easements & privileges belonging to the public as aforesaid, or Special license from any person, erected a Sea or river wall from where the said Treadway Stream entered the mill creek, down to what is now called the Gap or landing place & filled up the same with gravel, thus changing what was before the natural shore or landing place of the river, into a wharf or landing place in the state it now presents itself—— That this was the first attempt exclusively to appropriate any part of the lands used & improved by the public as aforesaid——That said Coolidge & Patten since that time have occasionally taken pay or wharfage of persons using that portion of said land filled up by them as aforesaid—— particularly of the Boston Manufacturing Company—— That they however never inclosed any part of said lands but the same have remained open & uninclosed & have been used by said inhabitants for the purposes of pafsing & repafsing—landing from canoes—mud* from boats &c &c ——That during the present year the said Coolidge & Patten have made partition—& the land easterly of those used & improved by the public as aforesaid——& south of the Garden of Mr Francis now belongs to the said Jonathan Coolidge——

Your Committee further find that the businefs done on Charles River from the Country——& which may be called the descending businefs of the river & which consisted of the transportation of lumber—Ship timber—&c &c & which required Spacious landings has quite ceased——that the ascending businefs of the river, or transportation from

Editorial Note:—"mud" or "much"; original script is illegible.

the Capitol into the country & from the lands & marshes below is now very considerable & may hereafter become

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Very great & extensive——It is therefore highly expedient & neceſsary that the rights of the Town & of the public to the wharves & common landings upon said river & the rights of paſsage to & from the same should be carefully guarded & protected from encroachment——upon the whole therefore your Committe are unanimously of opinion that the town ought to paſs the following resolves viz—

1 Resolved——That the Inhabitants of the Town & the public now enjoy & from time immemorial have enjoyed the right to all the lands lying easterly of the Stream paſsing under Treadway bridge so called, the mill creek & Charles river down to the John Sanger estate so called—now owned by Mr. Isaac Patten——& westerly of the lands now owned by Mr. Thaddeus Cole——The Rev. Convers Francis and the site or line of the old wall southerly of the garden of said Francis, to which the late David Sanger improved——

2nd Resolved——That no person whatever has the right to inclose build upon or exclusively appropriate any part of the said lands aforesaid——

3rd Resolved——That————————
be a committee to defend & protect the rights of the Town to the lands aforesaid——to remove all incumbrances which may be placed there—& to prosecute for any treſs-paſses thereon—to finish the lower end of the Wharf—& fix the gap so as it shall be most convenient for paſsing in & out of the river—& that any expenses which may be incured in effecting the foregoing objects shall be paid by the Town

4th Resolved——That this report shall be recorded at

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October 14th 1824

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge Jr
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Nathaniel Bemis
Tyler Bigelow
Nath[l] R Whitney

Voted to choose a Committee to carry the foregoing Resolves into effect

Voted and chose Tyler Bigelow
Abijah White and
Nathaniel Bemis, Esqrs—

For said Committee

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Decem 6 1824

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton December 6 1824, The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz).

To the Widdow Hannah Farrar for the support of her Son Benjamin Whitney from July 30–1824 to the 30 1824 — — — — — — — — — — — $19,, 50

To William Hart for the support of Mrs Green Six Months from June 18, 1824 to Dec. 18 1824 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 13,, 00

To Elijah Hager for the support of Lucy Hager from June 1, 1824 to Decr 1, 1824 — — — 32,, 50

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To Joseph W. Gay for the Support of Edmund Wellington from April 1 1824 to December 1 1824 — — — — — — — — — — — — — $35,, 00

To Joseph Robbins for the Support of Chloe Fisk three Months from August 14 1824 to Nover 14 1824 — — — — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 50

To John Clark for attendance as Witneſs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper — — — 14,, 62

To Isaac Dana for attendance as Witneſs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper — — — 8,, 62

To Luther Barrett for Attendance as Witneſs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper 14,, 62

To George Coolidge for attendance as Witneſs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper 28,, 28

To Joseph Peirce for attendance as Witneſs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper 14,, 62

To Levi Thaxter for 2 Sticks Timber for Bemis' Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — 15 30

To Daniel Bond for Pig deld Wm Winchester 4 04

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Janury 3 1825

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Elisha Stratton January 3rd 1825 the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same

To Benjamin Stevens for making Catridges for Militia — — — — — — — — — — — — — 5—00

To Lois Curtis for Sundries for Jonas White family — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 25

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To Daniel Jackson for boarding & nursing Fredrik Remington in his last Sickneſs — — — 32,, 79

To Nathaniel Broad for Sundry repairs on & posts & Rails for Ministerial Land — — — — — — 17,, 25

To Zacheus Pond for Boarding Mary White one year to January 1825 — — — — — — — — — — 105 —

To William Gofs for washing for J Whites family 1——

Also the following persons were appointed engine men for Engine No 1— (Viz)

Asa Pratt	Henry Kendall
Rufus Lee	Mofes Whitney Jr
Henry Bright	Asa Thayer
Alpheus Cutter	Hiram Stelle
Lewis Upham	Levi Whitney
Jefferson C. Farrar	George Lawton
John M. Peirce	Orion Broad
William Johnson	James P. Briggs
Constantine V. Swan	

Likewise the following persons were appointed engine Men for Engine called the Relief viz

James Robbins	Roland Rose
John M. Harris	Andrew Cole
Francis Leathe	Samuel Barnard
Benjamin F Farrar	Jonathan B. Harrington
Giles A Meacham	Frederick A. Bemis
John Daniels	Noah Wyeth
Horatio Nichols	Elisha S. Lyman
Benjamin Dana	John Bond

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 24th Daniel Bond and John H. Clark, were appointed agents to lease the Fishery the ensuing year.

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting Feby 14th 1825

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb 1825 the following Accounts were allowed

and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To Widdow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj[a] Whitney three Months ending Feb 1— 1825	19,, 50
To Elijah Hagar for boarding Jonas White's Children	9,, 00
To Luke Robinson for Entertainment for Selectmen &c	4,, 81
To Jerome Hearsey for Setting Glafs in School-houses & Meetinghouse &c	7,, 25
To Abijah White for Sundries supplied the poor and Sundries for Bemis' Bridge	86,, 82
To George Harvey for boarding Sam[l] White, son of Jonas White to Febry 15 1825	9,, 00
To John Clark for his Account for Sundries supplied the poor	79,, 75
To J & D Kendall for Meal deld William Winchester	8,, 58
To Benj[a] F. Farrar for Carrying the Engine to Roxbury & Returning the same	3,, 63
To Leonard Daniels for a Scraper	2,,
To Thaddeus Cole for Warning Town Meeting & posts & Rails for Ministerial Land	9,, 90
To Joseph Bird for Ironing Scraper	3,, 20

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To Daniel Sangar for Mason work at the West School house	1,, 50
To Larkin Smith for Shoes for William Winchester & Family	4,, 76

To Joshua Coolidge Jr for Clothing for John Remington — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 69

To Peter Clark for Plough & Sundries for William Winchester — — — — — — — — — — 11,, 39

To James Robbins for fenceing Stuff for Ministerial land & Sundries supplied the poor —

To Howell Powell for boarding Jonas White's Children to Feb 14 1825 — — — — — — — — — 16,, 25

To Luther Barrett for Painting Herse & Joists for Hanging the Bell — — — — — — — — 3,, 10

To Asa Pratt for Coffins & for attending funerals of sundry of the Poor & for Repairing Engine — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 79,, 45

To Samuel Learned for attending court as a witness & services as fish agent — — — — — — 7,, 50

To Joseph Robbins for the support of Cloe Fisk 3 Months from Novr 14 1824 to Feb. 14— 1825 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 50

To Nathaniel Bemis Jr for his bill for Medacine & attendance for the Poor — — — — — — —

To Walter Hunnewell for his Account for Medacine & Attendance for Sundry paupers — 43,, 50

To Elisha Stratton for Entertainment for the Selectmen the last year — — — — — — — — 20,, —

Also the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer

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To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown

Sir You are hereby directed to refund and pay over to Samuel Learned Collector of taxes for Watertown, the Amount of the Several persons Taxes hereafter named the several sums annexed their names as the Said Learned has given sufficient evidence to the Undersigned

Selectmen & Aſſeſsors of Watertown that he is unable to collect said Taxes (viz)—

for 1819		1822	68,, 16
Edmund Wellington	6,, 43	Martin Furlong	1,, 70
1820		Reubin Gragg*	1,, 70
Thomas Harrison	1,, 75	Elijah Hagar	2 63
Joel Stearnes	6,, 04	Paul Rice	1 70
Daniel Vila	1,, 69	John Reed	1,, 70
Edmund Wellington	6,, 46	Daniel Vila	1,, 70
Elisha Whitney	7,, 23	Flint Shelden	1,, 70
1821		Edmund Wellington	1,, 70
Amos Albee	3,, 37	Elisha Whitney	5,, 21
John Barber	1,, 51	Charles Morgan	1 70
Abradatus Farrar	4,, 16	Daniel Rice	1,, 70
Elijah Hagar	2,, 82	Elijah Ray	5,, 64
all but pole		Isaac Glynn	1,, 70
Elijah Ray	5,, 29	Wm H. Sumner	3,, 40
Daniel Vila	1,, 51	Benja Stevens	1,, 83
Edmund Wellington	4,, 75	Aaron Flanders	1,, 70
Asaph Whitcomb	3,, 78	Richard Coombs	1,, 70
Elisha Whitney	9,, 86		
Ebenzer Wells	1,, 51		$107,, 27
	$68 16		

Amounting in all to the sum of one Hundred seven dollars and twenty Seven Cents—

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To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to collect for 1823, they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named (viz)

Hervy Breck	1,, 98	amt Brought up	43,, 73
Mr Barry	1,, 98	Benjamin Linscott	1.98
Joseph Cole	6,, 71	George Bullard	1.98
Elijah Corlis	1,, 98	Thomas Maclany	1.98
John Danforth	1,, 98	Charles Mann	1.98
Henry Danforth	1,, 98	Wm G. Raymond	1.98
Fredrick Dodd	1,, 98	Mathew Roach	1.98

**Editorial Note:—Original script spelling is Gragg; possibly the name referred to by town Clerk was Gregg.*

Rebecca Frost	5,, 34	Elijah Ray	3.81
Edward Fogg	1,, 98	Daniel Rice	1.98
Stephen Furbush	1,, 98	Benjamin Stevens	1.98
Alpha Guild	1,, 98	Phineas Sanderson	1.98
Nath[l] Hooper (poll)	1,, 98	Amy Sangar	97
Elijah Hagar	1,, 98	J Smith	1.98
James Hildreth	1,, 98	Enoch Wiswall	1.98
Kendall Holt	1,, 98	Andrew White	1.98
William Hitchcock	1,, 98	M Woodward	1.98
Calvin Howard	1,, 98	John Stimpson Jr	1.98
John Thomas	1,, 98		
carryed up	$43,, 73		$76,, 23

Amounting in all to the sum of Seventy Six dollars and twenty three cents

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the same time the following warrant was issued.—

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Warrant for March Meeting 1825

To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown——————————Greeting

L.S. *L.S.* *L.S.* *L.S.* You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to summon, notify & warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in the election of town Officers, and in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Seventh day of March next, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles Viz.—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2nd To Choose all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually.——
3rd To Choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services.——
4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon.

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and Act any thing thereon——
6th To Grant money to open make and repair the Highways in said town and act any thing thereon.——
7th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whoom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon.——
8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.——
9th To hear the report of any other Committees and act any thing thereon.——
10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor, for the year ensuing to grant money to pay for the same and act any thing thereon.——

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11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasurey and act any thing thereon.——
12th To Know what method the town will take to collect their taxes for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.——
13th To Know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain birds and act any thing thereon.
14th To Know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Meetinghouse and act any thing thereon.
15th To Know if the town will take any measures to preserve the fish in Charles River, and Act any thing thereon
16th To Know if the town will hear the request of Thaddeus Cole and Act any thing thereon.——
17th To Know if the town will accept of the Road Layed out by the Selectmen as a private paſsway leading from Treadaways bridge, so Called, by the Mill Creek to the John Sanger place, now owned by Isaac Patten and act any thing thereon.——
18th To Know if the town will direct their Surveyors to purchase Gravel for the use of the Highways and Act any thing thereon.
19th To Know if the town will permit the proprietors of the paper mill to alter their Raceway, opposite the town way below Treadawaways bridge, and act any thing thereon.
20th To Know if the town will accept of the Engine proposed to be presented them by Meſsrs Seth Bemis & Co and appoint men to manage the same and Act any thing thereon.——
21st To Know what method the town will take to repair the fence round the Old burying Ground and Act any thing thereon.——

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22nd To Know if the town will direct their Selectmen to lay out a Road from near the Old burying Ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike, and Act any thing thereon

23rd To Know what method the town will take to repair the Meetinghouse and Act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge Jr
James Robbins
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk.

Watertown March 7th 1825

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expreſsed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting two copies of said warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting.——

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown aſsembled March 7th 1825, and proceeded to vote by Articles as follows. viz.

Article 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

Voted & chose John Clark, Town Clerk.
And he was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr. Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen { Amos Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr, Gilbert Nichols

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till two O'Clock this afternoon then to meet in this place.——

Agreeably to adjournment, the Inhabitants afsembled and proceeded to vote as follows. viz.—

Voted & Chose for Afsessors	Amos Livermore Gilbert Nichols Charles Whitney
Voted & Chose for Constables	John H. Clark Thomas Learned
Voted & Chose for fence Viewers	Zacheus Pond Paul Learned Nathaniel Bright Peter Clark.
Voted & Chose for Tything Men	Asa Pratt George Coolidge
Voted & Chose for Clerks of the Market	Luke Robinson Nathaniel Broad
Voted & Chose for Field Drivers	Asa Pratt Joseph Bird William Horn James Gillpatrick Nathaniel Broad Luke Bemis

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Voted & Chose for Hog-Reeves	George Long. Joseph Harris. Jalel Baker. Larkin Smith.—
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways	Charles Whitney. Mofes Bright. Nathaniel Broad. David Livermore. Israel Whitney. Leonard Stone.—
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	Isaac Dana Coolidge P. Wood.
Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	Isaac Dana William Horn.

Voted & Chose for Firewards
- Levi Thaxter
- Luke Bemis
- Eliakim Morse
- John Hunting
- John Clark
- Elisha Livermore
- Joshua Coolidge Jr
- Charles Whitney
- Abijah White.

Article 3rd Voted that this article be refered to the Selectmen

4th Dismiſsed.——

5th Paſs'd.——

6th Voted to grant for opening & repairing the Highways twenty five cents upon every rateable pool, and other estates in proportion——each man, to be allowed twelve & half cents per hour, and a good team the same as a man.——

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7th Voted that all Accounts against the town, accept for Support of the poor, shall be presented to the Selectmen for allowance.——

8th Voted to accept the report of the Selectman and Treasurer, it being an estimate of the expences of the town for the currant Year.——viz.

For opening and repairing highways twenty five cents on a pool, and other estates in proportion——

For support of the poor	$1300,, 00
For Support of schools	1200,, 00
For support of the Ministry	570,, 00
For contingent expences	300,, 00
See report on file	$3370,, ,,

9th paſs'd

10th Voted to choose three persons for Overseers of the poor

Voted & Chose for Overseers of the poor
- Nathaniel Bright
- John Clark
- Thomas Learned

Also Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to buy a Farm within the limits of Watertown, such a place as they

shall think most for the intrest of said town, on which to place their poor, and, that they are hereby authorised & empower'd to borrow on the credit of the town such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary to defray the expences arising from the same.——

11th Voted that the town Accept the Account of the Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a committee for that purpose, and place the same on file——The result of which is that Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is credited with the sum of $8498.60

and is Charged with the sum of 8470.67

leaving a balance due to him from the town of $27.93

as will appear by said Account on file ⸗

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Also under Article 11th Voted that the town cause all the items of their expences for the last year to be published.——

12th Pafs'd

13th Dismifs'd

14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews in the Meeting house to the Selectmen, to be by them let at Auction.——

15th Voted & Chose for a fish committee { Gilbert Nichols, John Hunting, William Nichols

16th Voted to dismifs this article

17th Voted that the laying out of the way from the Watertown Turnpike to the John Sanger Estate, so called, by the Selectmen, in the manner that the same is hereby reported by them to the town be, and hereby is by said town approved & allowed and that said way be established in the manner as laid out by the Selectmen——and that their report thereof be recorded at length upon the town records ——which report is as follows. viz.⸗

Whereas the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown have from time immemorial had used and enjoyed the space or land lying between Charles River on the south west—and the estate of the late David Sanger on the northeast up to the site or line of the old wall of the said David—& from Treadways bridge so called on the north—to the John

Sanger estate now owned by Isaac Patten on the south—as and for a public or Town way and common landing—— And whereas the same space or land is still convenient and necessary to be used and enjoyed by said inhabitants as they have heretofore used and enjoyed the same—& will continue to become more & more convenient & neceſsary in proportion as the buſineſs on Charles River shall increase—And the inhabitants of said town become more numerous.——And whereas the right of said inhabitants to the use or enjoyment of said space or land for the purposes aforesaid, is

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Pretended to be drawn in question by George Coolidge of said Watertown.——We the Subscribers Selectmen of said town of Watertown in order more effectually & forever to secure to said Inhabitants the use or enjoyment of said space or land for the purposes aforesaid so convenient & necessary to them——do hereby lay out the said space or land as and for a particular & private way for the use of said town of Watertown and the inhabitants thereof forever——and we do bound and describe the same way as follows. viz. beginning at the Watertown Turnpike road where the same intersects Treadway bridge so called, thence on said bridge to the Mill Creek so called, thence on said Mill Creek and Charles river as the wall or wharf now stands southerly to the John Sanger estate now owned by Isaac Patten—thence easterly across the present traveled road to land late of David Sanger dec^{d} now owned by Jonathan Coolidge—thence northerly by and along the site or line of the old wall by said land of said Coolidge & land of the Rev. Convers Francis to the said Turnpike—— thence westerly on said turnpike to the bound first mentioned and as we know of no person who owns said land, or is injured by the laying out said way as aforesaid—we make no recompense to any one—all which we do hereby report to said town of Watertown at some public meeting of the inhabitants thereof regularly notified and warned to be by them approved and allowed——

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Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge Jr
James Robbins

Selectmen of Watertown

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April then to meet at this place at 4 O'Clock P.M.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oaths of Town Officers

March 7, 1825 Amos Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr and Gilbert Nichols were sworn as Selectmen.——
before John Clark, Town Clerk.

March 12, 1825 Asa Pratt was sworn as field driver.——
before John Clark, Town Clerk.

March 15, 1825 John H. Clark was sworn as Constable
before John Clark, Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting 1825

Middlesex S^{s}. To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown————————Greeting.

You are hereby required in the commonwealth of
L S Mafsachusetts to summon notify & warn the freeholders
L S and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified
L S Agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth to meet at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to Give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors.

Also—You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles. Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting.——
2nd To Give in their votes for A County Treasurer——

3rd To Know if the town will direct the Overseers of the poor to sell the Old poorhouse, and Act any thing thereon

4th To Know if the town will protect the purchasor of the fishery, in useing the banks of Charles River below the dam, in the same manner as they have heretofore

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Been used in taking the fish called shad & Alevwives, and act any thing thereon.——

5th To Know if the town will grant money to aid the Singing Society & Act any thing thereon.——

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

The foregoing businefs was transacted at the House of Luke Robinson at a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1825

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown April 4, 1825

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein expreſs'd by posting two attested Copies of the within Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof——John H. Clark, Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town met at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators, the whole number of votes Given in were Sorted, counted, and recorded, and were as follows

For Governor

Hon. Levi Lincoln one hundred & four votes

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For Thaddeus Cole two Votes
" James Lloyd three Votes
" Harrison G. Otis five Votes
" Levi Thaxter two Votes

For Lieutenant Governor
For Hon Marcus Morton one hundred & two Votes
" Nathaniel Bright one Vote
" Jeremiah Fowle one Vote
" Elisha Stratton one Vote
" William Prescott one Vote
" Samuel Lathrop Six Votes
" John Clark Two Votes

Senators
For Hon Levi Thaxter, Fifty Seven Votes
" " John Hart, Forty eight Votes
" " Micah M. Rutter Sixty seven Votes
" Nathan Chandler Thirty Votes
" Luke Fiske Fifty one Votes
" John Wade Thirty three Votes
" Charles Train Fifty two Votes
" John Keyes Thirty one Votes
" Luther Lawrance Seventy seven Votes
" Samuel Hoar Jr Thirty six Votes
" Seth Knowles Sixty one Votes
" Abel Jewett Thirty two Votes
" Joseph Valentine Seven Votes
" Constantine V. Swan one vote

The votes were then Accordingly declared and sealed up in open town Meeting.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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The Meeting for the choice of a County Treasurer was then opened, and
Article 1 Levi Thaxter Esquire was chosen Moderator

2nd the votes were then given in for County Treasurer, sorted, & counted, and were

For Nathan Brooks Forty seven Votes
" William Whitney Twenty six Votes
" John Keyes Sixteen Votes

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Article 3 Voted that the overseers of the poor be directed to Sell, Let, or otherwise dispose of the Old poor house in such way or manner as they shall think most for the intrest of the town.——

4th Voted that the town will protect and completely indemnafy the purchaser of the fishery the present year for any expences that may arise in consequence of his using the banks of Charles River below the dam, provided he uses them in the same manner they have heretofore been used.

5th Voted that the town raise twenty five dollars for the use of the Singing Society

Under Article 4, It was Voted that

Tyler Bigelow,
Abijah White, and
Nathaniel Bemis Esquires

be a Committee to ascertain what right the town have to use the banks on the South side of Charles River below the dam for the purpose of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

March Meeting was then opened Agreeably to Adjournment

Voted and Chose George Rufsell pound Keeper

Article 18 Dismifsed——
19 Dismifsed——
20 Dismifsed

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Article 21 Voted to Choose a Committee to view the fence round the Old burying Ground and report thereof to the town.

Voted and Chose for Said Committee { David Livermore, Moses Coolidge, Elisha Livermore }

22nd Voted to Choose a Committee to view the rout of the Contemplated from near the Old burying ground to the

West Boston Bridge Turnpike and make report thereon.— Voted and Chose George W. Coffin, Leonard Stone and Seth Bemis for said Committee

Voted to excuse Nathaniel Broad from serving as Highway surveyor.——
Voted & Chose John Hunting, Highway Surveyor for the year ensuing.——

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nath[l] Broad for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes this evening at 6, O'Clock.——

Agreeably to Adjournment the Inhabitants met at the House of Nath[l] Broad, and proceeded to farm out the taxes on the following conditions.——(Viz)

The purchaser to Give Good and sufficient bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty, and that if the taxes are not collected within one year from the time of receiving them, he, the purchaser is not to receive any premium for collecting the same.——

The taxes were then put up and struck off to Thaddeus Cole, for two Cents on a dollar.——
Voted & Chose Thaddeus Cole, Collector——
Voted to difsolve this meeting.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Article 23 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to repair the Meeting house.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad, April, 4, 1825 the following buſineſs was transacted, (Viz) John H. Clark, & Thaddeus Cole were appointed Auctioneers for One Year.——

William Lynch was appointed Engine man for the Engine called the Relief, also, David Hager Jr & Samuel Harvey were Appointed Engine men for Engine No 1.——

Likewise the pews in the gallery of the Meeting house were let at Auction for one year from the first of May next, on the following conditions. The purchaser to pay cash down, or give a note payable on the said first day of May at which time he takes posession. Beginning at No 1 which is the pew in the West Gallery at the northwest corner next to the wall, and were struck off to the following persons

No 1	To	Benjamin Wood for	3,, 50	p^{d}
2	"	Coolidge P. Wood "	4,, 00	
3	"	David Hager "	3,, 25	note
4	"	Tristram Knight "	3,, 00	p^{d}
5	"	William May "	2,, 75	p^{d}
6	"	William H. Lawton	3,, 00	p^{d}

East side beginning next to the Singers

No 1	To	Frederick A. Bemis	4,, 75	p^{d}
2	"	Abijah White	4,, 25	
3	"	Alpheus Cutter	4,, 00	p^{d}
4	"	Thomas Learned	4,, 00	
5	"	George Coolidge	4,, 25	
6	"	Benjamin Wood	4,, 50	p^{d}
			$45,, 25	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oaths}

April 4, 1825 James Gillpatrick was sworn as Feild driver—
Peter Clark & Nathaniel Bright were sworn as Fence viewers——
Thomas Learned was sworn as Constable——

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

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April 4, 1825. Isaac Dana & Coolidge P. Wood, were sworn as Surveyors of Lumber, Isaac Dana was sworn as Culler of Hoops & Staves——
Nathaniel Broad was sworn as Field driver——
Levi Thaxter Esqr as Town Treasurer & John Hunting as Surveyor

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens Meeting April 4 1825

Middlesex SS.

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——————————Greeting.——

Warrant for Town Meeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts forthwith to summon and notify
L S the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of
L S Watertown, qualified to vote in town Affairs to afsemble
L S at the public Meeting house in said town on Friday the eighth day of April at four of the Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles, Viz.—

1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting.——

2nd To hear the report of any Committee and Act any thing thereon

3rd To Know if the town will Accept of the Farm purchased by the Overseers of the poor, and Grant money to pay for the same.——Also—to grant money to make the neceſsary repairs & additions to the House, to purchase furnature, build a new barn, purchase Stock and farming utensils, together with such other Articles as may be neceſsary for the carrying into effect the object of the town in purchasing a Farm on which to place their poor and Act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals, this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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The foregoing Warrant was drawn by the Selectmen at a Meeting at the house of Nathaniel Broad, April 4th 1825

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants qualified as within expreſsed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by notifying them in person or leaving word at their usual places of abode Watertown April 8, 1825

John H. Clark, Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in Said town on Friday the 8th day of April 1825.——and proceeded to Act on the Warrant by Article——as follows

Article 1st Voted and Chose Walter Hunnewell, Moderator.

Article 2 Dismiſsed——

Article 3rd Voted that the Town approve of the doings of the Overseers of the poor in contracting with Israel Whitney for the purchase of his Farm for the sum of Thirty Eight hundred dollars

Voted——That the Treasurer of the town be authorised & directed to receive of Israel Whitney a Good & sufficient deed of his farm & to give the said Whitney in payment therefor, in behalf of the Town a Note of hand for Thirty eight hundred dollars payable the 1st day of April next with Interest.——

Voted——That the Overseers of the poor be Authorized as soon as convenient to build a new Barn, make such repairs and Additions to the buildings on said Farm, & procure such Furnature, Farming Utensils, Stock & other articles as may be in their discreſsion neceſsary for the accommodation, management & support of the poor; and to draw on the Treasurer for money to defray the expences of the same——

Voted—that the Treasurer of the town be Authorized and

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Directed to Borrow for the use & upon the credit of the Town the sum of Twenty two hundred dollars—for such length of time & upon such terms as he in his discretion shall think expedient.——

Voted—that the Overseers of the poor be directed forever hereafter to make an Annual report in the months of March or April of all the expences for the support of the poor the preceeding year.——

Voted to diſsolve the meeting——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oath}

April 8, 1825 Leonard Stone, was sworn as surveyor of highways before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting}

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 11th 1825—the following buſineſs was transacted, viz—

Asa Pratt was Appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1825——Twenty five dollars being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, puting up and taking down the Stoves & Funnels, sawing the wood, building the fires, sweeping the Meetinghouse &c—For attending Funarels of Adults Three dollars & fifty cents in sumer, and four dollars in the Winter season—and for Children in proportion——

Also—the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same.——Viz.—

To Levi Thaxter for his Services as Aſsessor & Treasurer the last year — — — — — — — — —	$61,, 30
To Thomas Clark for his services as Aſsessor for ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Amos Livermore for his services as Aſsessor last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12 —
To Mahitable Segar for her weekly allowance for one year up to April 1st 1825 — — — — — — — —	39 —
To John Clark for his services as Town Clerk the last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25 —

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To Samuel Walker for the Support of Taba Learned six months up to April 8th 1825 — — —	$13 —
To Joseph W. Gay for the support of Edmund Wellington from Decr 1, 1824 to April 1, 1825— being 17 Weeks @ 1.$ — — — — — — — — — — —	17,, —
To Ashael Stearnes for Cost of suit against the town in favour of Ebenezer Stedman & others —	97,, 29
To John Lenox, for shaving Robert Saunder deceased — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 00
To Samuel Hyde, for board & Clothing for Jon[a] Nutting for one year to the 30th March 1825 —	110,, 33
To the City of Boston for Cash furnished Mary G. Warren to March 19, 1825 — — — — — — —	20,, 00
To Howell Powell, for boarding Jonas White's Children to April 18th 1825 — — — — — — — —	18,, —
To Samuel Bird for Blacksmith work — — — —	
To Hiram Hosmer, for Medacine & Attendance for Clarissa White — — — — — — — — — — — —	6. —
To Nathaniel Bemis Jr for Medacine & Attend- ance on Sundry of the poor — — — — — — —	10 —
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White for one year to the 2nd March—1825 — —	39. 00
To Luke Bemis for repairs & work on Bemis Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9. 00
To the Town of Cambridge for the support of Andrew White in Jail — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Constable the last year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10 —
To Catherine Hunt for services rendered Jonas Whites Children & Robert Saunders — — — — —	5,, 29

Likewise the following persons were Appointed Engine men for the Engine furnished by Mefsrs. Seth Bemis & C° Viz. Jacob Baldwin, Robert E. Bemis, Solomon R. Bullard, Levi Bigelow, Dana Bullard, Asa R. Burnham, Jarvis G. Farrar, Samuel Farwell, Samuel Hortham, J W C Jones,

Leonard Fuller, Joel Stone, Cyrus B. Thayer, Josiah Tilden, Osgood Putnam, Ebenezer Dunham.

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20th 1825 the following Warrant was drawn——

Warrant for May Meeting

Middlesex S^{s} To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders
L S and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified
L S agreeably to the Constitution, to meet at the public Meet-
L S ing house in said town on Monday the second day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the next General Court Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Monday in May next

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles——Viz——

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2nd To hear the report of any Committee and act any thing thereon——
3rd To Know if the town will petition the Legislature for leave to sell their fishery, for more than one year and Act any thing thereon.——
4th To Hear the request of Thaddeus Cole and act any thing thereon——
5 To Hear the request of Artimas Rogers and act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not and make return with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals, this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand

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Eight hundred and twenty five—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss. May 2nd 1825

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown as within directed by posting an attested copy of the within at the public Meeting house in said town two sundays prior to said meeting——

John H. Clark, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled May 2nd 1825, and gave in their Votes, which were Sorted and counted & were as follows——viz—

For Marshall B. Spring One hundred & thirty four votes
" Thomas Clark Thirteen votes——
" Abijah White Eleven votes——
" Constantine V. Swan two votes——

—Attest John Clark—

Also the inhabitants met at 4, O'Clock and proceeded to Vote as follows——viz—

Article 1 Voted and Chose Walter Hunniwell Moderator

Article 2 The Committee Appointed to view the rout for the proposed road leading from the Old burying Ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike made a report, for which see file—

Article 3rd Voted that the Selectmen be directed to petition the Legislature for an alteration in the fish act——

Article 4 dismissed——

Article 5 dismissed——

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Watertown May 2nd 1825 The following list of names were handed in, as appointed Engine Men for the Engine called the Relief——viz—

Nathaniel G. Bailey,	George Harvey—
Avery Clark,	Leonard Sanderson
Allen Ward,	Norman Dolly
Nathaniel Bright Jr.	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

May 17th. 1825 Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols & Charles Whitney were sworn as aſsessors for the ensuing Year before Nathaniel R. Whitney Esquire

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

The following warrant was issued by the Selectmen May 13th. 1825——

Warrant for Town Meeting

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting

L.S L.S L.S You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Thirtieth day of May Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles, Viz—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To Know if the town will approve of a road laid out by the Selectmen, leading from the old burying Ground to West Boston Bridge Turnpike Road and act any thing thereon—

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3rd To Know if the town will choose a Committee to make bye laws for the town respecting the stands of those people who bring Wood, fish &c for Market & petition the Court of Seſsions to Approve the same & Act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr } Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex Ss. May 30th. 1825

Pursuant to the warrant within I notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up attested Copies of this warrant two Sundays in succeſsion at the public Meetinghouse in said town——

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 30th day of May 1825 and proceeded to vote by article as follows——Viz—

Article 1st Voted & Chose Walter Hunnewell, Moderator—

2nd. dismiſsed——

3rd dismiſsed——

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting May 3* 1825

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House Nathaniel Broad May 30th 1825——the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same—Viz—

To the Town of Reading for the support of Joseph Prentiſs from August 14—1824 to April 9th 1825 34 Weeks ———————————— $57,, 00

Editorial Note:—probably meant May 30th.

To the widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks to Apl 30, 1825 — 19,, 50

To Joseph Robbins for Supporting Cloe Fisk 3 Months to 15 May 1825 — — — — — — 17,, 50

To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington one year ending May 1, 1825 — — — — — 60,, 00

To Francis Bowman for Surveying Road layed out by the Selectmen — — — — — — — — — — 2,, 25

To Asa Pratt for repairs on Engine & for his services as Sexton for one year ending May 3, 1825 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 23,, 46

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad July 4th 1825
the following buſineſs was transacted Viz——Samuel Blanchard was Aprobated as a Retailer

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Also the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same viz

To Hannah Adams for Keeping house for William Winchester — — — — — — — — — — — 45,, 00

To George Harvey for boarding Nath[l] White Nine Weeks & three days to Apl 23 1825 — — — 7,, 08

To Amasa Jackson for boarding Fredrick Remmington 4 weeks & 4 days — — — — — — — 4,, 39

To Abijah White for Cash paid for Wood & — — 11,, 56

To Mark Vose for boarding Sally Barry & Shoes for J Remmington &c — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 00

To Elijah Hager for Support of Lucy Hager from Decr 1—1824 to June 1.—1825 — — — — — — 32,, 50

To Samuel Barnard for Plough for Highway — 9,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Sept 12 1825

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Broad September 12 1825 the following businefs was transacted Viz. William Bright was appointed an Engine Man

Also the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To Charles Bird for an Iron bar — — — — —	$1,, 25
William Hart for the support of Mrs Greene from Decr 18, 1824 to March 18—1825 — — —	6,, 50
To Josiah Mason Jr for Plank for the Great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	55,, 22
To Luther Barrett for painting posts round the pump, Trough, Guide boards &c — — — —	14,, 50
To J. M. Peirce for work on Engine No 1 — — —	1. 50

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To James P. Briggs for repairs on Engine No 2 —	$7,, 83
To James P Briggs for repairs on Engine No 1 —	13,, 72
To William Johnson for repairs on Engine No 1	3. 60
To Coolidge P. Wood for repairing fence on Treadaways bridge, Making Trough for pump and putting down posts — — — — —	35,, 13
To George Domet for Long Hose for Engine No 1 & repairing Short Hose — — — — — — —	
To Isaac Dana for Labour on bridge — — —	13. 00

Also the following persons were Aprobated as Innholders & Retailers (Viz)

Innholders
- Luke Robinson
- Elisha Stratton
- Nathaniel Broad
- Jonas Wyeth

Retailers
- John Clark
- Thaddeus Cole
- Luke Bemis
- Mason Hunting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Oct 3rd 1825

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad October 3rd 1825, the following businefs was transacted——Viz——Luther Adams was appointed an Engine man for Engine No 1

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmen's Meeting Novr 14 1825

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Broad Novr. 14, 1825 the following businefs was transacted viz—

To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to collect for 1823 & 4 they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named, viz—

Norcrofs Wright	,, 86	Amount Brought up	$33. 00
Joshua Blanden	1,, 72	D Fuller	1,, 72
Charles Bradbury	1,, 72	Benjamin Gardner	1,, 72
Maxfield Bond	1,, 72	Thomas Glaser	1,, 72
Calvin Bailey	1,, 72	Joseph Goodridge	1,, 72
Samuel Bosington	1,, 72	Kendall Holt	1,, 72
Caleb Cheeney	1,, 72	Mr Hastings	1,, 72
Thomas Cox	1,, 72	Mr Hyde	1,, 72
Thomas Cox Jr	1,, 72	Alexander Jemison	1,, 72
Joseph Chesley	1,, 72	Paul Kendall	3,, 91
Joseph Cole	6,, 34	George Langdon	1,, 72
Orin Clark	1,, 72	Jonas Livermore	1,, 72
J. P. Cutler	1,, 72	Silas Morse	1,, 72
Atherton Chaffee	1,, 72	Benjamin Moreson	1,, 72
George Ellis	1,, 72	Jacob Mead	1,, 72
Abraham Farwell	1,, 72	Thomas B. Osgood	1,, 72
Jeremiah Fuller	1,, 72	William Price	1,, 72
Carryed Up	$33. 00	Carryed Over	$62,, 71

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Amt Brought Over	$62,, 71	Amount Brought up	$83. 35
Bela W Putnam	1,, 72	Samuel Welsh Jr	1,, 72
John Pease	1,, 72	Abel Whitney	1,, 72
Elijah Ray	1,, 72	Asa Williams	1,, 72
Thomas Sera	1,, 72	Jonas White 2nd	1,, 72
Benjamin Stevens	1,, 72	John Barnard	0. 50
John Stimpson	1,, 72	Willard Johnson	1,, 46
John Stimpson Jr	1,, 72	Lydia Harrington	0 59
Daniel Turner	1,, 72	Samuel Currier	1,, 72
Daniel D Thompson	1,, 72	Thomas Cheeney	1,, 72
George Teague	1,, 72	Josiah Tilden	25
Andrew White	1, 72	Abial Rufsell	1,, 72
Samuel Walker	1,, 72	Artemas Rogers	1,, 72
		Daniel Price	1,, 72
Amt Carryed up	$83—35		$101,, 63

Amounting in all to the sum of One hundred and one dollars and Sixty three cents.——

Also James Annis and Ebenezer Mead, were appointed Engine men for Engine No 1.——

Likewise, the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz——

To Zacheus Pond for the Support Mary White from the first of January to 19 Apl — — — — — —	31. 00
To Jonathan B. Harrington for Books and paper for the use of the Afsessors— — — — — — — —	6. 34
To the Town of Cambridge Supporting Andrew White in Jail — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9 90
To Caleb Lincoln for work on Bemis Bridge — —	26. 12
To Elijah Ray to Afsist him to Remove to the State of Maine — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10 —
To Artimas Rogers for Repairing Engine — — —	3

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting Novr 28 1825

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad November 28—1825—the following buſineſs was transacted Viz——Amasa Jackson & Elisha W. Dana were appointed Weighers of Beef
Also—Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson and Thaddeus Cole were Appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark
Also—Artemas Rogers was appointed Sealer of weights and Measures——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting 1826 January 2

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad January 2nd 1826—the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1——

(Viz)

Asa Pratt	Moses Whitney Jr
Rufus Lee	James P Briggs
Henry Bright	David Hager Jr
Lewis Upham	Samuel Harvey
John M Peirce	Elmer Meid
William Johnson	James Annis
Henry Kendall	William V. Lynch

Also for Bemis' or No 3

Robert E. Bemis	Leonard Fuller
Jacob Baldwin	William Bright
Cyrus B. Thayer	Solomon R. Bullard
Josiah Tilden	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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1826 January 7th Luke Robinson and Isaac Dana were Sworn as Measures of Wood & Bark

before John Clark, Town Clerk

1826 January 9th Artemas Rogers was Sworn as Sealer of Weights and Measures——

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Jany 30— 1826

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 30 1826—— Levi Thaxter and John Clark were appointed Agents to lease the Fishery the ensuing year——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting Febry 6th 1826

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad on Monday the 6th February 1826——the following Accounts were allowed and an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same (Viz)

To Henry Craft for Stone for Treadaways Bridge	9,, 75
To Asa Brooks for Blinds for Meeting House —	14 —
To Susan Sanderson for making cloths for the White Children — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 13
To Asa Pratt for Wood for Meeting house — —	9,, 20
To Isaac Dana for Stone for Treadaways Bridge	7,, 25
To Henry Craft for Repairing Treadaways Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	53,, 50
To Jotham Keyes for Work on Treadaways Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4 8

To William May for Catridge paper, Tax Bills, &c ——————————————— 14,, 41

To Rev. Convers Francis for a five Dollar Bill of the Eagle Bank ——————————————— 5,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 22—1826——the following warrant was drawn for March Meeting. Viz—

Warrant for March Meeting Feb. 22 1826

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——————————————Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet and afsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles——Viz—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2nd To choose Town Officers for the ensuing Year——
3rd To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services.——
4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing Year and Act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensuing year and Act any thing thereon——
6th To grant money to open make and repair the highways in said town and act any thing thereon——
7th To hear and examine the Accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon——
8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the Year ensuing and Act any thing thereon——

9th To hear the report of other Committees and act any thing thereon——

10th To Know what method the town will take to support their Poor, for the year suing to Grant money to pay for the same and Act any thing thereon——

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11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasurey and Act any thing thereon——

12th To Know what Method the town will take to collect their Taxes for the Year ensuing and act any thing thereon——

13th To Know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Pickerel & act any thing thereon

14th To Know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon

15th To Know if the town will take any measures to preserve the fish in Charles River and Act any thing thereon.——

16th To Know if the town will indemnify Moses Whitney & George Coolidge for expences in defending a suit brought against them by the town of Brighton for fishing in Charles River above the dam, and act any thing thereon

17th To Know if the town will purchase a new set of Hymn Books for the use of the Singers & Act any thing thereon—

18th To Know if the town will choose a Committee to confer with the town of Brighton relative to the fishery, And act any thing thereon

19th To hear the statement of Jefse Bird and others relative to the laying out a road from near the town burying ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike, and Act any thing thereon

20th To Know what Method the town will take to raise money to pay for the Poor House farm and act any thing thereon——

And you are further requested by the Authority aforesaid, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified to vote for Representatives to meet and afsemble at the public Meeting-house in

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Said town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at two of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for County Register & Treasurer——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk, at the time and place above mentioned,——Given under our hands at Watertown this twenty second day of February AD. 1826—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad February 27 1826 the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——Viz—

To James P. Briggs for Repairing Engines — —	13,, 54
To Samuel Barry for use of the Singing Society	25,, 00
To Edward Lowd for his services as fish Ward 4 days — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 00
To George Coolidge for Sundry Repairs on School house and Services as fish Ward — — —	13,, 98
To Jerome Hearsey for Setting Glafs in Brick & West School houses & Meeting house — — — —	5,, 05
To John Tucker for Repairing Buckets & Strap for Engines — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8. 33
To the Estate of Joseph Peirce for shafts for Engine & Whipple tree — — — — — — — — —	3,, 75
To James P Briggs for Repairing Hearse — — —	2,, 11
To Gilbert Nichols for Powder and Making Catridges — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 00

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested

Copies of said warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays in sucefsion prior to said meeting——

John H. Clark, Constable

Dated at Watertown March 6—1826

Pursuant to the warrant Issued February 22,—1826 the Inhabitants of Watertown Aſsembled March 6th 1826, and proceeded to vote by article as follows. Viz—

Article 1st Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esq Moderator

2nd Voted and chose John Clark, Town Clerk and he was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Town Treasurer—

Voted and chose for Selectmen { Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols, Joshua Coolidge Jr

Voted and chose for Overseer of the Poor { John Clark, Nathaniel Bright, Thomas Learned

Voted and chose for Aſsessors { Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols, Charles Whitney

Voted and chose for Constables { Isaac Dana, John H. Clark

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Voted and chose for Tything Men { Asa Pratt, Thomas Learned

Voted and chose for Fence Viewers { Zacheus Pond, Paul Learned, Nathaniel Bright, Peter Clark

Voted and Chose for Clerks of the Market { Luke Robinson, Nathaniel Broad

Voted and Chose for Field drivers { Joseph Bird, Henry Bright, George Harvey, William Horn, James Gillpatrick, Nathaniel Broad

Voted and Chose for Hogreeves { Nathaniel G. Bailey, Avery Clark, Abraham Lincoln, Samuel Blanchard

Voted and Chose for Surveyors of Lumber { Isaac Dana, Coolidge P. Wood

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Staves and Hoops { Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted and Chose for Firewards { Elisha Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr, Abijah White, Charles Whitney, Levi Thaxter, Eliakim Morse, Seth Bemis, John Hunting, John Clark

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Article 3rd Refered to the Selectmen

Voted and Chose for Surveyors of Highways { John Clark, Nathaniel Bright, Thomas Learned

Article 4th dismiſsed

5th Voted that the money be divided as heretofore, and that each district keep their windows and seats & Benches in repair out of the money received.——

6th Voted to paſs this article——

7th Refered to the Selectmen——

8th Voted to Accept the report of the Selectmen & Treasurer it being an estimate of the expences of the town for the currant Year——viz——

For Support of the Ministry — — —	560—00
For Support of public Schools — —	1200 —
For Support of the Poor — — — — —	1000 —
For the Interest on the towns debt —	360 —
For Contingent expences — — — —	330
For Making & Repairing Highways	700
For the purpose of discharging in part the towns debt — — — — — — — —	1000
see report on file	5150,, —

9th Paſsed——

10th paſsed——

11 Voted to Accept the Account of Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a committee for that purpose, And place the same on file, the result of which is that Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is Credited with the

sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$9504.52
And is Charged with the sum of — — — — —	9409.70
leaving a Balance due him from the town of —	$ 94.82

as will appear by the account on file

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12th Voted to Farm out the Taxes as usual——

13th Dismiſsed——

14th Refered to the Selectmen

15 Voted and Chose for Fish Agents { George Coolidge / Isaac Dana / John H. Clark

16th Voted that the town Allow Moses Whitney and George Coolidge the sum of forty four Dollars and grant Money to pay the same.——

17th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to purchase three Doz Hymn Books for the use of the singers

18th Voted and Chose { Abijah White / Luke Bemis / Thomas Clark for a Committee to confer with the town of Brighton relative to the fishery

Voted to Adjourn to 3 O'Clock then to meet at this place

The Meeting for the Choice of County Register & Treasurer was then Opened the Votes were given in for County Register counted and sorted and were for William F. Stone Fifty three Votes

The Votes for County Treasurer were then given in, were sorted & counted and were for Nathan Brooks, fifty One votes

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met and proceeded as follows——

Under Article 7th Voted to allow the Overseers of the Poor the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars for their time and expences in purchasing the Poorhouse Farm, and superintending the repairs on the same——

19th Pafsed——

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20th Voted that the Treasurer be, and is hereby Authorised and directed to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of thirty eight hundred dollars for such length of time and upon such terms as he shall think expedient, for the purpose of discharging the note which Israel Whitney holds against the town——

Voted to adjourn to the house Nathaniel Broad for the purpose of farming out the Taxes at 6 O'Clock——

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the House of Nathaniel Broad and proceeded to farm out the taxes on the following conditions. Viz.—

The purchaser to give good and sufficient Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty——And, that if the taxes are not collected within one year from the time of receiving them, he the purchaser is not to receive any premium for Collecting the same.——

The taxes were then put up and Struck off to John H. Clark for one cent and six eights of a cent on a dollar—— Voted and chose John H. Clark Collector——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next to meet at the public Meeting house at 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown March 6th 1826

Oaths

Isaac Dana and John H. Clark were sworn as Constables——
Levi Thaxter was sworn as town Treasurer——
George Harvey & Henry Bright were sworn as field drivers
Zacheus Pond was sworn as fence viewer——
Isaac Dana was sworn as surveyor of Lumber & Culler of Hoops & Staves

Nath[l] G. Bailey, Avery Clark & Sam[l] Blanchard were sworn as Hogreeves

All the Above before John Clark, Town Clerk

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Watertown March 6th 1826 John Clark and Thomas Learned were Sworn as Surveyors of Highways before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

April 3 1826 Gilbert Nichols and Joshua Coolidge Jr were sworn as Selectmen before John Clark Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

To John H. Clark Constable of the Town of
L.S. Watertown——————————————Greeting———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, to meet and afsemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next ensuing, at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, Agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the time and place above mentioned——Given under our hands and seal at Watertown this twentieth day of March AD. 1826

Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex Ss. April 3rd 1826, pursuant to this warrant I have notified the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet and afsemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Attested Copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house in

said town of Watertown two sundays next preceeding the third day of April John H. Clark,

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown Met at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, the whole number of votes given in were Sorted, counted and recorded and were as follows.

For Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln Fifty Seven Votes——
Samuel Hubbard Twelve Votes——
H. G. Otis one Vote——
James Lloyd one Vote——

For Lieutenant Governor——
Thomas L Winthrop Sixty Votes
Alden Bradford Eight Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Leonard M Parker Sixty two Votes
Abel Jewett Sixty three Votes
Charles Train Forty three Votes
Luke Fiske Fifty five Votes
Benjamin F. Varnum Sixty three Votes
John Keyes Seventeen Votes
Nathan Brooks Five Votes
Luther Lawrence One Vote
Samuel Hoar three Votes
David Townsend One Vote

The votes were Accordingly declared and sealed up in open Town Meeting——

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Adjournment of March Meeting

Agreeably to adjournment the March Meeting was then Opened, and the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund made a report which was accepted and put on file

Under Article 18th It was Voted that the committee chosen to Confer with the Town of Brighton, or any Committee said Town may choose for the purpose of uniting the Fisheries of Watertown & Brighton & preventing future collissions & disputes relative to said fisheries, be authorised and have full power and authority to agree with the said town of Brighton to unite the Fisheries of the two towns, and agree upon the proportion of the proceeds of the Fisheries each Town shall receive, fix the time, places & manner of taking the fish——to Join with said town of Brighton in a petition to the Legislature for a law to carry their agreements into effect, & to do & perform all such acts and things relative thereunto as they may think best for the Town.——

Voted to choose a committee to look into the doings of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund

Voted and chose for said Committee { Nathaniel Bemis, Tyler Bigelow, Thaddeus Cole }

Voted to Choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the poor

Voted & Chose for said Committee { George Coolidge, Abijah White, Thomas Clark }

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Voted to Excuse John H. Clark from being a Collector of Taxes——

Voted that the Fish Committee Viz George Coolidge Isaac Dana and John H. Clark, be Authorised to procure the consent of the owners of land over which the Brighton Fishermen pafs in drawing for Shad & Alewives, and when procured prosecute for the same——

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the House of Luke Robinson, till Six O'Clock this evening for the purpose of Farming out the Taxes——

Agreeably to Adjournment the inhabitants met and proceeded as follows——

Voted & Chose Jeremiah Rufsell pound keeper—

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the house of Luke Robinson, and proceeded to farm out the Taxes on the following conditions, viz——the purchaser to give Good and sufficient bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful performance of his duty, and that if the Taxes are not Collected within one year from the time of receiving them he the purchaser is not to receive any premium for collecting the same.——The Taxes were then put up and struck of to Thaddeus Cole for three Cents on a Dollar——

Voted & Chose Thaddeus Cole, Collector—

the Meeting was then dissolved

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens Meeting

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 3rd 1826—the following businefs was transacted (Viz)

The pews in the side Galleries of the Meeting house were let at Auction beginning at North west pew in the West Gallery next to the Wall, for one year from the first of May next when the purchaser takes possession, the purchaser to pay cash down or a Note payable on the said first day of may, and they were struck off to the following persons

No 1 to	George Robbins for	$3,, 25 paid
2 "	Thomas Livermore	2,, 75 paid
3 "	John Frost	2,, 75
4 "	George Coolidge	2,, 62½
5 "	Asa Pratt	2,, 50 paid
6 "	T. Cole	2,, 50 paid

on the East side beginning
next to the Singers

No 1	To Chester Bullard	3,, 50 paid
2	" John Hunting	3,, 25
3	" Levi Whitney	3,, 50 paid
4	" Thos Learned (use of Town)	3,, 37½
5	" Luther Barrett	3,, 00
6	" Thos Learned (use of Town)	2,, 62½
		$35,, 62½

Also the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No. 1. Viz.—

George Tucker
John Broad
John Marble Jr
Phineas A Johnson
John Robberts

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Also the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for the Engine belonging to Mefsrs Seth Bemis & Co——Viz—

Alpheus Cutter	Daniel F. Emery
Asahel G Allen	George Mosman
Levi Whitney	Oliver Farnsworth
Wm T. Baldwin	J W. C. Jones
Reuben Spaulding	Henry Eustis
Luther B. Pierce	Barton Varnum
Luke C. Pierce	Heman Wheeler

Likewise the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No 2 (Viz)—

James Robbins	John Bond
John M. Harris	Allen Ward
Benjamin F. Farrar	George Harvey
Giles A. Meacham	Nathaniel Bright Jr
John Daniels	Leonard Sanderson
Benjamin Dana	Luther Adams
Andrew Cole	Samuel Bright
Samuel Barnard	Ebenezer Fuller
Frederick A. Bemis	Emery Hartshorn
William Dana	

Also Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1826—Twenty five Dollars being the compensa-

tion for his services for ringing the Bell, taking down and putting up stoves sweeping the house &c &c. For attending Funerals the same price as he had the last year, and to render every service as he heretofore has done

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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1826

Watertown April 18, 1826 Isaac Dana & Thaddeus Cole were sworn as Measurers of wood & Bark before

John Clark T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 18, 1826—the following buſineſs was transacted (Viz).—

Peter Harrington
Elijah W. Luce and
Miles Sprague Jr were appointed

Engine Men for Engine No 1.——

Also the following Accounts were allowed and an Order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)—

To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Aſsessor the last year & for Attending before A Courts Committee — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$42,, 00
To John H. Clark for his services as Constable the two last Years — — — — — — — — — — — —	10. 00
To Amos Livermore for his Services as Aſsessor the last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 50
To John Clark for his services as Town Clerk the last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25,, 00
To Levi Thaxter for his services as Treasurer the last year & Blank Book — — — — — — — — — —	40. 50
To Asa Pratt for his services as Sexton the last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25,, 00

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Watertown May 1 1826 Amos Livermore was sworn as Selectman

before John Clark, Town Clerk

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Warrant for May Meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 18—1826, the following Warrant was issued.——

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown ——————————Greeting ———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of May next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court, Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednefday of May.——

And You are further required by the Authority aforesaid to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town Watertown qualified to vote in town Affairs, to meet and afsemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town at four of the Clock in the Afternoon on said day, to Act on the following Articles—

1st to Choose A Moderator for Said Meeting

2nd To Know if the town will Authorise the Committee who have in charge the subject of the Road and landing place near Charles River—to settle & fix the line between said Road & landing place & lands of the Rev Convers Francis & Doctor Hiram Hosmer, and Act any thing thereon.——

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Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the subscribers, at the above mentioned time and place

Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown this eighteenth day of April AD. 1826—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Middlesex Ss. May 1st 1826, Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the times and place and for the purpose above mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in the town of Watertown two sundays next preceeding the first day of May within mentioned John H. Clark Constable

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants afsembled May 1st 1826——and proceeded as follows——

Voted to send one Representative—

the Votes were then given in Sorted & counted and were as follows

For	John Clark	Forty Nine votes
"	Seth Bemis	Forty Six votes
"	Abijah White	Twenty eight votes
"	John Hunting	Twenty two votes
"	Thomas Clark	Six votes
"	Levi Thaxter	One vote

there was a motion then made to reconsider the vote to send one Representative—and after counting the Inhabitants sitting

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And Standing, the Selectmen declared it to be a vote to reconsider the former Vote, which was immediately doubted by a large number of the Inhabitants who requested them to make it certain by dividing the house which they, the (Selectmen) refused to do, saying they were satisfied & that was enough

It was then moved that the meeting be difsolved, but the Selectmen refused to put the motion, It was then observed by Eliakim Morse Esqr that if they considered the

vote reconsidered which they first took, that the town stood as they did when they first commenced, but the Selectmen refused to act any further saying that the Meeting had died of itself——

The Meeting for the transacting of town Affairs was then Opened, and the Inhabitants proceeded as follows.——

Article 1st Voted and chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator and ascertaining that he was absent they Voted & chose Seth Bemis Esqr—Moderator

Article 2nd Voted that the whole subject relative to the boundry lines between lands of the Rev Convers Francis & Doct Hiram Hosmer And the Road and landing place near Charles River be refered To Tyler Bigelow Abijah White and Nathaniel Bemis Esqr to establish the same as they shall think most fit and proper and for the best intrest of the Town——

Voted to difsolve the Meeting.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Petition for Town Meeting

To Amos Livermore Gilbert Nichols & Joshua Coolidge Jr Selectmen of Watertown.——

The Subscribers Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town request that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be called on the 15th day of May Instant to know the minds of the town whether they will send one or more Representatives to represent them in the next General Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of the present month

Watertown May 3rd 1826—

Samuel Learned	Nathaniel Bemis Jr
Adam Brown	C. P. Wood
Isaac Dana	Ziba Bridges
Luther Barrett	Benjamin Wood

Luke Robinson	Richard Sanger
Eliakim Morse	Jalel Baker
George Coolidge	Marshall S. Fowle
Jotham Keyes	Francis Leath

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson May 4th 1826——the following warrant was drawn for a town Meeting——

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————————————Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes, to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fifteenth day

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Of May Instant at three of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court, Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednefday of May.——

And You are further required by the Authority aforefaid to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and afsemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town at four of the clock in the Afternoon of said day, to Act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Choose A Moderator
2nd To hear the report of any Committee and act any thing thereon,——Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at the above mentioned time and place

Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown this fourth day of May AD. 1826—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss May 15th 1826

pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up Attested Copies of this warrant two sundays next preceeding said fifteenth day of May

John H. Clark, Constable

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants Assembled at the public Meetinghouse May 15th, 1826—— and proceeded as follows—

Voted to send two Representatives

The Selectmen then directed that there should be but one voted for at a balloting—

The votes were then brought in and were as follows (Viz)

For Seth Bemis One hundred & fourteen votes
John Hunting Nine votes
John Clark Sixteen votes
George Coolidge one vote
Amos Livermore one vote
Levi Thaxter Two votes
Thomas Clark fourteen votes
Nath[l] Bright Thirteen votes—

Seth Bemis was then declared to be elected

They then proceeded to a second ballot which was as follows

For John Clark Sixty eight votes
Levi Thaxter one vote
Thomas Clark Twenty Seven votes
John Hunting Seven votes
Amos Livermore One vote
Nath[l] Bright Sixty votes

There not being any choice it was Voted to reconsider the vote to send two Representatives and send but one

Voted to dissolve this meeting——

The Meeting for the transacting of town affairs was then opened

Article 1st Voted & chose Seth Bemis Moderator

Voted to diſsolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Oaths

Watertown June 5th 1826, Amos Livermore Gilbert Nichols & Charles Whitney were sworn as Aſsessors for the ensuing Year before John Clark, Town Clerk

June 15 1826 Nathaniel Bright was sworn as surveyor of Highways & as Fence viewer for the ensuing year before

John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson on Monday the 4th day of September 1826 the following buſineſs was transacted,——Viz——

To Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer of Watertown,

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to collect for the year 1824 & 5 they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named

for 1824		Brought up	19,, 27
Michael Green	1,, 72	Thomas Cox Jr	1. 45
Martin Blanden	1,, 72	Joseph Cole	5,, 31
Gilbert Kirker	1,, 72	Daniel Cummings	1,, 45
1825		Henry Cooms	1. 45
Rodman Davis	1. 45	Mr Cowly	1. 45
Lydia Harrington	,, 56	Thomas Daniels	1. 45
David Woodman	2,, 36	Nath[l] Eaton	1. 45
Asa Sumner	1,, 20	Martin Furlong	1. 45
Heirs of David Stone	1,, 29	James Floid	1. 45
George Harvey	1,, 45	Michael Green—	1. 45
1825		Mr Carlton	1,, 45
Ebenezer Ayers	1,, 45	Benjamin Gardner	1,, 45
Mr Bowers	1,, 45	William Griffin	1,, 45
William Bartlet	1. 45	Francis Hager	1. 45
Thomas Cox	1. 45		
Carryed up	$19—27	Carryed up	$43,, 43

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Amt Brought Up	43. 43	Amount Brought up	$62,, 28
M[r] Hoyt	1,, 45	Elijah Ray	1,, 45
Leonard Hall	1,, 45	Benjamin Rice	1,, 45
M[r] Harpam	1. 45	Amos Rice	1,, 45
M[r] Hart	1,, 45	Miles Sprague Jr	1,, 45
Gilbert Kirker	1,, 45	Nath[l] Sumner	1,, 45
Edward Magee	1,, 45	John Snow	1,, 45
Nahum Morse	1,, 45	John Stimpson Jr	1,, 45
John Morse	1,, 45	Sam[l] Walker	1,, 45
John Prichard	1,, 45	Aaron Whitney	1,, 45
Mr Priest	1,, 45	Benjamin Stevens	1,, 45
James Prichard	1,, 45	Samuel Welsh Jr	1,, 45
Osgood Putnam	1,, 45	Daniel Wellington	1,, 45
Daniel Rice	1. 45		
	$62,, 28		$79,, 68

Amounting in all to the sum of Seventy Nine Dollars and Sixty eight Cents——also on Seth Bemis Tax for 1825 $15,,79—Also—Daniel Cary, was appointed Engine Man for Engine No 1.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

The following letter was received from the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund——

Watertown Sept 4 1826

Letter from the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund

Gentlemen, I am directed by the trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund to inform you that a vacancy has recently taken place in their board, by the death of Nath[l] R Whitney Esqr and that in pursuance of the vote of the Town pafsed on the 4th day of March AD 1822 the remaining trustees have proceeded & elected Nath[l] Bemis Esqr to fill the vacancy.

I am Gentlemen very Respectfully your Obt Sert

Levi Thaxter, Clerk of s[d] Corporation

To the Selectmen of Watertown

Copy Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson on Monday Sept 11, 1826 the following Warrant was drawn.——

Warrant for Town Meeting

To Mr Isaac Dana one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————————Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and aſsemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of September Instant, at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz).

1st to Choose A Moderator for said Meeting——

2nd to know if the town will take any measures to oppose the Trapilo Road (so called) & act any thing thereon——

3rd To know if the town will Accept a Road laid out by their Selectmen, leading from West Boston Bridge Turnpike beginning near the east end of Charles Bird's Shop, from thence through land of Isaac Patten & the Heirs of Jeremiah Fowle to the great County Road in front of the House Occupied by Miles Sprague Jr. And act any thing thereon—

4th To know if the town will choose a Committee to prepare Bye laws for the town, to regulate the stands for Wood, Fish-Carts & Oysterbords & Co. And Get the same Approbated by the Court of Seſsions, & Act any thing thereon——

Hereof, fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon, at the time and place above mentioned.———Given under our hands & seals the Eleventh day of September AD. 1826

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Watertown September 25th 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town Affairs; to meet and Aſsemble at the time and place, & for the purposes therein mentioned

Isaac Dana, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the Public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of September AD. 1826——and proceeded to vote as follows.——

Article 1—Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esquire Moderator——

2nd Voted to choose a Committee to opose the laying out of the Road as prayed for by Thomas Page & others, from the termination of a new highway at the Waltham line to Mr Bond's house in Watertown, at the road leading to West-Cambridge.

Voted and chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark, Nathaniel Bright, and Levi Thaxter Esqrs.

3rd Voted that the laying out of a Road, begining forty one & half feet from the east end of Charles Bird's Brick Shop on the West Boston Bridge Turnpike to the great County Road, by the Selectmen in the manner that the same is hereby reported by them to the town be, and hereby is by said town approved & allowed and that said Road be established in the manner as layed out by the Selectmen—— And that their report thereof be recorded at length upon the town records——which report is as follows (Viz.↩

Whereas Isaac Patten & others having petitioned the Selectmen of Watertown to lay out a Road or Highway from the West

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Boston Bridge Turnpike Road through land of said Patten & land of the heirs of Jeremiah Fowle deceased to the great County Road leading from Watertown to Cambridge——

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown, having notified the said Patten & Samuel Etheridge of Charlestown, the Father & Guardian of said heirs being all the parties known to us to be interested, met them this day & having heard their several objections & allegations for & against the laying out a road as aforesaid, & having examined the premises do adjudge & consider that a road from said Turnpike to said County road will be of Great use and convenience to the Inhabitants of Watertown, and we do accordingly lay out a Road or Highway for the use of the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown forever, as follows. Viz. Beginning forty one & half feet from the east Corner of Charles Bird's Brick Shop on said Turnpike Road and running northerly a straight line through said Patten's land to land of said Fowle's heirs at a Stake, thence through land of said Fowle's heirs to the said County road at a stake ten feet from the west corner of the House owned by said Heirs & now occupied by Miles Sprague Junr, the road to be twenty five feet wide & to lay wholly on the Westerly side of said bounds. And we consider that the laying out said road will be of greater benefit than injury to the said Fowle's Heirs & the said Patten——we therefore do not award damages to any person——All which we do hereby report to the town to be Approved & allowed at some public meeting of the Inhabitants thereof regularly notified & warned.

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Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

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Article 4th Voted to choose a Committee to prepare Bye laws for the town to get them approbated by the Court of Sessions, and to lay the same before the Inhabitants of said town for their Acceptance

Voted & chose for said Committee } Col Thomas Learned, Col John Hunting, and John Clark

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

To John H. Clark, one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——————————————Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet and aſsemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town on the sixth day of November next being the first Monday of said month, at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex district.——

And you are further required by the Authority aforesaid to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at four of the Clock in the afternoon on said day, and at the above s[d] place to Act on the following Articles Viz:—

1st To choose a Moderator——
2nd To Know if the town will reconsider the vote passed

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March 4—1822 Authorising the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund to fill any vacancy in their board, and act any thing thereon.——
3rd To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon
4th To Know if the town will take any measures erect Hay scales, and Act any thing thereon——

Hereof, fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the subscribers at the time Appointed for said meeting——Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown the twenty third day of October AD. 1826.—

Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols, Joshua Coolidge Jr } Selectmen of Watertown

The fore going Warrant was drawn at a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson October 23, 1826

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs November 6th 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within directed by posting Attested Copies of the within warrant at the public Meetinghouse in said Watertown two sundays next preceeding the said six day of November

John H. Clark, Constable of Watertown

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſsed, met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of Novr 1826— and proceeded to open the meeting and givin the votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Congreſs of the United States, the Votes being sorted and counted by the Selectmen & Town

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Clerk and were declared to be as follows Viz—

For the Honorable Edward Everett, Thirty one votes—31

The Meeting for the transacting of town Affairs was then opened, and they proceeded as follows. Viz—

Article 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark, Moderator

Article 2nd Voted that the order paſsed March 4th 1822 Authorising the Trustees of the Ministerial fund to fill any vacancy that may happen in their board—be, and the same is hereby resinded, and, that they are hereby directed to notify the Selectmen, when any such vacancy may happen Agreeably to the Act of incorporation

Article 3rd two Committees made reports for which see file

4th Voted that the Town will not erect Hay scales Also Voted to choose a Commite to confer with the Guardian of the Heirs of M. B. Spring relative to the purchase of their Hay scales the use of the town——and to ascertain what scales can be erected for—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis, John Hunting, and Samuel Learned, Esqrs

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson November 13th 1826, the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To George Coolidge for his services as a Witnefs in the Action Against Daniel Draper — — — — —	6,, 24
To Luther Barrett for his services as do. — — —	3. 12
To John Clark for his services as Witnefs Against do — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3. 12
To Isaac Dana for his services as a Witnefs Against do — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3. 12
To Hesekiah Bacon for his services as a Witnefs against do — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3. 12

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To John Tucker for 64 Knapsacks furnished for the Militia of the town $74.67

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Meeting January 1st 1827

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson, on Monday evening January 1st 1827 the following businefs was transacted (Viz)

The following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1.

Henry Bright	Elmer Mead
Henry Kendall	James Annis
John M. Peirce	Peter Harrington
Phineas A. Johnson	Daniel Carey
Moses Whitney Jr	Asa Pratt
David Hager Jr	Rufus Lee

Also the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine called the Relief or No 2

Benjamin F Farrar	Nathaniel Bright Jr
Giles A. Meacham	Samuel Bright
John Daniels	Ebenezer Fuller
Benjamin Dana	Amory Hartshorn
Andrew Cole	William F. Dana
John Bond	Allen Ward
George Harvey	

Likewise the following persons were Approbated Engine Men for the Engine belonging to Mefsrs Seth Bemis & Co or No 3

R E Bemis
Jacob Baldwin
Levi Fuller
Solomon R Bullard
William Bright
Alpheus Cutter
A. G Allen
Wm T. Baldwin
C Bullard
Luke C. Peirce
Luther B. Peirce
Daniel F Emery
J. W. C. Jones
Heman Wheeler
Godfrey Wheelock

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Also the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same. Viz—

To Jonathan B. Harrington for Hymn Books & Stationary ——————————— 19,, 30

To John Clark for Expences incured in Repairing the Great Bridge &c ——————————— 20,, 42

To Tyler Bigelow to be Accounted for by him in his Settlement with the Town, for expences incured in defending the suit Geo Coolidge against Thomas Learned ——————————— 250

To Isaac Dana for Repairs on the Meetinghouse 6,, 50

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson January 12 1827, the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine called the Relief or No 2——(Viz)

William Davis
Abraham Lincoln
Miles Sprague Jr
H. P. Patridge
Varnum Cooper
John Eastman
A. P. Holt
Charles Williams

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 26, 1827—Levi Thaxter & John Clark were appointed agents to lease the Fishery for the ensuing Year.——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson Monday evening February 5th 1827 the following buſineſs was transacted. (Viz)

To Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer of Watertown—

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to Collect for the Year 1825 they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named (Viz)

for 1825	Ezekiel Whitney	$4,, 39	
	Phineas Sanderson	1,, 45	pole Tax
	Mary Jackson	4,, 36	
for 1826	Jerome Hearsey	2,, 27	pole Tax

Amounting in the whole to the sum of Twelve Dollars and Forty seven Cents

Also—the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To Elisha W Dana for his services as fish Committee Man — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	$2,, 00
To Thomas Clark for his services as Committee man to Oppose the Trapalow Road So called —	3,, 00
To Charles Whitney for Materials & Labour for repairing the West School House — — — — —	61,, 80
To William S. Bright for the support of David Barnard from May 1824 to May 1825 — — — —	20,, 00
To Asa Pratt for his bill of Sundries — — — —	14,, 15
	$100,, 95

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson February 19, 1827 the following buſineſs was transacted. (Viz)

Abijah White Esqr
Levi Thaxter Esq and
John Clark, were Appointed Fish Wardens for the Town of Watertown for the ensuing Year

Also—the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same—(Viz)—

To Nathaniel Bright for his services as Committee man in opposing the Trapalow Road — —	$10,, 25
To Levi Thaxter for Ditto — — — — — — — —	6,, 00
To Amos Livermore for Glaſs set in the East Schoolhouse in 1824, & 5 — — — — — — — — —	5,, 18
To Luke Robinson for refreshments when the Cotton Factory was Burnt — — — — — — — —	6,, 50
To Ditto for refreshments for the Selectmen —	10,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Warrant
March
Meeting

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Luke Robbinson Febʸ 19, 1827, they isued the following Warrant

To John H. Clark one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown ———————————— Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and aſsemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the

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Following Articles Viz—

1ˢᵗ To choose a Moderator——
2ᵈ To choose Town Officers for the ensueing year
3ᵈ To give in the votes of the electors for a County Treasurer

4th To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid
5th To determine whether Swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon——
7th To grant Money to open, make & repair the highways in said town and Act any thing thereon
8th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
9th To hear the report of the committee for makeing an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensueing and Act any thing thereon
10th To hear the report of other Committee's & Act thereon
11th To know what method the town will take to support the poor & act any thing thereon——
12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning their Treasury & act any thing thereon
13th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes for the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Pickeral and Act any thing thereon——
15 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon
16 To know if the town will take any measures to preserve the Fish in Charles River & Act any thing thereon
17 To know what method the town will take to raise money to pay for the Poor house Farm & Act any thing thereon

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18 To know what method the town will take to enlarge the School house in the East District & Act any thing thereon

19 To know if the town will take any Measures to fill the board of Trustees of the Ministerial Funds and Act any thing thereon——Hereoff fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place above mentioned——

Given under our hands at Watertown this nineteenth day of February AD 1827—

Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr
} Selectmen of Watertown

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expreſs'd to meet at the time & place and for the purpoſses therein mentioned

dated March 5th 1827——John H. Clark Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in said town & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator

2d Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

" Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Town Treasurer

Gilbert Nichols was sworn as town Clerk before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

" Voted to choose three Selectmen

" Voted & chose for Selectmen { Levi Thaxter Esqr / Walter Hunnewell

" Voted to adjourn this meeting to two O Clock this afternoon—— .

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the adjournment the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

" Voted & chose John Hunting Selectman

" Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor { Nathl Bright / Thomas Learned / John Clark

" Voted & chose for Aſsesſors { Nathl Bright / Abijah White

" Voted to postpone chooseing the other Aſsesſor to the adjournment of this Meeting——

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" Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the poor for the last year and report at our next meeting—

" Voted & chose for said Committe— George Coolidge, Abijah White, Marshall S Fowle

The town then took up the 17th Article and Voted that the Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to borrow on the Credit of the town, upon such terms as he shall think expedient the sum of five Thousand Dollars for one year from the first day of April next, for the purpose of dischargeing the Debts the town owe——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place at nine of the Clock A.M.——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The following persons appeared and was Sworn as follows— Levi Thaxter Esqr, Doct Walter Hunnewell, and John Hunting, as Selectmen & Levi Thaxter Esqr as Town Treasurer—

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant dated February the 19th 1827 A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown met, by an adjournment from the 5th day of March last & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & Chose John Clark for an Afsefsor

Voted & chose for Constables— John H Clark, George Coolidge

Voted & chose for Tythingmen— Asa Pratt, Thos Learned

Voted & chose for fence Viewers— Zacheus Pond, Paul Learned, Nath[l] Bright, Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Markett — William Blanchard, John Hunting

Voted & chose for Field Drivers — Joseph Bird, Henry Bright, George Hervey, William Horn, James Gillpatrick, Nath[l] Broad

Voted & Chose for Hogreeves — David Hager Jr., Eben[r] Fuller, Charles Stone, Hiram Hosmore*

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber — Isaac Dana, Coolidge P Wood

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted & Chose for Firewards — Levi Thaxter, Eliakim Morse, Seth Bemis, John Hunting, John Clark, Elisha Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr., Abijah White, Charles Whitney

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways — Nath[l] Bright, Tho[s] Learned, John Clark

Voted & chose for General School Committee — Rev[d] Convers Francis, Leonard Stone, Walter Hunnewell, Levi Thaxter, Tyler Bigelow

Voted & chose George Rufsell for Pound Keeper——

Voted & Chose for Fish Wardens — John Clark, Luke Bemis

4th Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton——

*Editorial Note:—probably meant Hosmer.

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5th Article Voted to dismiſs & let the law remain in force

6th Voted to Grant twelve Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools to be divided as follows (Viz) the West District to have three hundred Dollars the East District to have three hundred Dollars & the Middle or Double District to have Six hundred Dollars, Each District to keep their Windows & seats in repair out of their own money——

7 Voted that the Paupers of the town repair the Highways under the Directions of the Overseer of the Poor who are the Surveyors——

8th that the Accounts against the town be refer'd to the Selectmen for allowance——

9 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative To the Town Treasurers Accounts & that the same be placed on the town files the footing of Which stands thus (Viz)

Levi Thaxter is Cr By — — — — — — — — —	$12628,, 8
and stands charged with — — — — — — — —	12549,, 31
leaveing a ballance due the Treasurer of — —	$78,, 77

Voted to accept the Report of the Ministerial Funds & place the same on file (the proceeds are $450.3)

13 Voted to farm out the Taxes at the adjournment of this meeting this evening——

14 Article dismiſs'd, law to remain in force

15 leaseing of the Pews referd to the Selectmen——

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17 Voted to grant three Hundred Dollars to pay the Interest of the town's debts.——

Voted (under 7th Article) to grant One Thousand Dollars to pay the expence of Poor & repairing highway's

Voted to grant three Hundred Dollars for Contingent Expences——

Voted To Grant five hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of the Ministry in Watertown

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the Accounts & doings of the overseers of the Poor the ensueing year

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to three O'clock then to meet at this place

Att^{t} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

To John H Clark Constable of the town of Watertown Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieu^{t} Governor Senators & Counsellors to meet and asemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor Lieu^{t} Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make a return of

this

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This warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the time and place above mentioned

Given under our hands this 23^{d} day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty seven

Selectmen of Watertown { Levi Thaxter, Walter Hunnewell, John Hunting

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown met at the time & place therein Mentioned, for the purpose of giveing in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Counsellors, & Senators, on Monday the 2^{d} day of April being the 1st Monday in said Month——

The whole number of Votes given in were sorted & counted & recorded and were as follows (Viz)

For Governor—

Levi Lincoln had Seventy four Votes — — — — — — — 74
William C Jarvis——had Fifty three Votes — — — — 53
James Lloid had four Votes — — — — — — — — — — 4
Marcus Morton had three Votes — — — — — — — — 3
Joseph Bird had three Votes — — — — — — — — — 3
James P Brigs had One Vote — — — — — — — — — 1
George Laughton had one vote — — — — — — — — 1
Harrison G Otis had two votes — — — — — — — — 2

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For Lieutenant Governor—

Thomas L Winthrop had Eighty eight Votes — — — 88
Amasa Jackson had One Vote — — — — — — — — — 1

For Senators & Counsellors—

John Keyes had ninety seven votes — — — — — — — 97
Leonard M Parker had One hundred & three — — — 103
Benjamin F Varnum had One hundred & two — — — 102
Luke Fisk had One hundred votes — — — — — — — 100
Abel Jewett had One hundred & two votes — — — — 102
Timothy Fuller had eleven votes — — — — — — — 11
Samuel Hoar Jur had eleven votes — — — — — — — 11
Calvin Sanger had nine votes — — — — — — — — — 9
Edmund Parker had eleven votes — — — — — — — 11
John Abbot had nine Votes — — — — — — — — — 9
Levi Thaxter had two Votes — — — — — — — — — 2
Samⁱ Dana had two Votes — — — — — — — — — — 2
Luther Lawrence had one vote — — — — — — — — 1
Joseph Locke had three votes — — — — — — — — 3
Samⁱ P P Fay had two votes — — — — — — — — — 2
Nathan Brooks had two votes — — — — — — — — — 2
John Wade had two votes — — — — — — — — — — 2
Charles Train had two Votes — — — — — — — — — 2

The Votes were accordingly declared signed & sealed up in open town meeting——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the adjournment of March Meeting (page 583) the Inhabitants being afsembled the meeting was opened, & they proceeded as follows

Art 8 Voted to choose a committe of three to examine the School houses & see what repairs are nefsessary, and report at May Meeting.

Voted & chose for said committe { Luke Bemis, Nath[l] Bright, Levi Thaxter }

Voted that each School District shall choose their own Prudential Committee, or agent——

Voted that the report of the Committee (Viz) Tyler Bigelow, Abijah White & Nath[l] Bemis respecting the road in front of Doct[r] Hiram Hosmore & the Rev[d] Converse Francis, be refer'd to the Selectmen, to act thereon as they shall see fit

19 Article Respecting enlargeing the number of Trustees of the Ministerial Funds was dismifs'd——

The Inhabitants were then call'd upon to bring their Votes for County Treasurer which were as follows (Viz).

John Keyes had five votes ——————— 5
Nathan Brooks had twenty three votes —— 23

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Spring Hotell then to meet at seven O'Clock this evening——

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the Inhabitants met at the Spring Hotell, April 2, at seven O'clock in the evening an proceeded as follows.——

Voted to farm out the Taxes upon the following conditions (Viz) the purchaser to give good & sufficient Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty, & if he does not collect & pay in the Taxes that may be committed to him within one year from the time of

receiving them he shall not be entitled to any Premium for collecting them.——
The Taxes then were put up for the lowest bider & was struck off to Jotham Keyes for two Cents & five eights of a Cent on a Dollar

Voted & chose Jotham Keyes for Collector

Voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared dissolved——

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 2, 1827 The Selectmen then put up the Pews in the gallerey of the Meeting house belonging to the town to lease at auction, for one year, from the first of May next, begining at the north west pew next to the wall (call'd N° 1.)—— which was struck off To Ebenezer Fuller for — — $2,, 75
N° 2 To Thomas Livermore — — — — — — — — — — 2,, 25
" 3 Abijah White — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 76

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N° 4 pew to George Coolidge for — — — — — — — — $1,, 62
" 5 " " Daniel Bond — " — — — — — — — — 1,, 62
" 6 " John Hunting — " — — — — — — — — 1,, 50
N° 1 on the East Gallary next to the Singer's seats was then put up & struck off To Abijah White for — — — — 2,, 50
N° 2 To Levi Thaxter — — — — — — — — — — — — 2,, 37
" 3 " Asa Pratt — — — — — — — — — — — — — 2,, —
" 4 " Nath[l] Bright — — — — — — — — — — — — 1. 62
" 5 " Comfort Foster — — — — — — — — — — — — 1. 62
N° 6 " reserved for paupers — — — — — — — —

$21. 61

Also the Selectmen appointed the following persons for Engine men (Viz)

for Engine N° 3 — Dudley Winslow, Frank S Rogers

for Engine N° 1 — Nath[l] O Annis, William French, Hiram Chase, John Broad

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Oaths George Coolidge & John Henry Clark were sworn as Constables——Isaac Dana as culler of Hoops & Staves & as Surveyor of lumber——James Gillpatrick as Fieldriver—

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 26 the Selectmen appointed the following Persons as Engine men

for Engine N° 3. (Viz) { Daniel Eustis / Henry Eustis / Henry Sanborn }

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the Spring Hotell April 16, 1827, the following buſineſs was transacted (Viz) They agreed to allow the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer to pay the same, to the several persons as follows.

To Gilbert Nichols, Amos Livermore, & Charles Whitney, for their services as Aſſeſsors last Year.	$70. —
To Gilbert Nichols for Powder &C — — — —	6. 46
To John Clark for his services as Town Clerk last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25. 00
To Asa Pratt as Sexton to May 1st 1827 — — —	25,, 50
To Charles Bird for Iron work on Bridge & Schoolhouse — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 59
To John H Clark as Constable & Fish Committee last year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,, 00
To Levi Thaxter as Treasurer the last year — —	40,, 00
To Isaac Dana as Constable to date — — — —	1,, 50

Sexton

Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from May 1st & agreed to take twenty five Dollars for said Service.

Engine Men

They also appointed the following persons as Engine men Viz

for Engine N° 1. Adolphus Cannon, Artemas Ward, Joseph Turner

for Engine N° 2 James P Briggs, John Robberts, Isaac Robbins, George W Tucker, Charles Hammond, Elezer Rex

Also Artemas Rogers was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the ensueing year

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Weighers of Beef

Thomas Gookin and Amasa Jackson were appointed weighers of Beef for the town of Watertown the ensueing year

Measurers of Wood

Luke Robbinson, Isaac Dana, & Thaddeus Cole, were appointed measurers of Wood & Bark for the ensueing year, they also isued the following Warrant——

To John H Clark one of the Constables for the town of Watertown.——————————————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and afsemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the thirtieth day of April Ins^{t} at three O clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^{d} To Choose an Afsefsor in place of Abijah White who declines serveing the present year
3^{d} To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk at the time & place above mentioned

Given under our hands this 16th day of April AD 1827

Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes therein mentioned

John H Clark Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, held April 30th 1827 agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, proceeded as follows

Viz Article 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

" 2 Voted & chose Thos Clark Aſseſsor——

" 3 the statement of George Coolidge, concerning the " Overseers of the Poor, order'd on file.

" 4th Voted to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen—

Voted that this meeting be disolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Oaths

April 30th 1827 The following persons appeared and made Oath to the performance of their several duties as town Officers

(Viz) Thomas Clark, Nathl Bright & John Clark as Aſseſsors Nathl Bright & Peter Clark Fence viewers—Isaac Dana as surveyor of Lumber & Wood. Nathl Bright Thos Learned John Clark Surveyors of Highways, Luke Robbinson surveyor of Wood & Bark. George Hervey Fieldriver

Augt 8, John Hunting & William Blanchard Clerk's of the Markett
before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Augt 16 Jotham Keyes was sworn as Collector before
Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held the third day of May, they issued the following Warrant——(Viz)

To John H Clark one of the Constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards qualified as the Constitution prescribes to Vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fourteenth Ins^{t} at three of the Clock in the afternoon to choose one or more Representatives, to represent said town in the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Ins^{t}.

Also, You are alike required to warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet on the day above appointed at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2^{d} To hear the statement of Israel Whitney & Act any thing thereon——
3^{d} To hear the Report of any committee & Act any thing thereon

Hereof, fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at the time and place appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands this third day of May AD 1827

Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting
} Selectmen of Watertown

Atts^{t} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution To Vote for Representatives, held May 14, 1827——agreeably to the foregoing Warrant proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted to choose two Representatives to the General Court

2d Voted to reconsider the above vote to send two Representatives so far as not to send but one

3 Voted & chose Mr Nathl Bright for Representative

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Meeting for town affairs then being opened agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, they proceeded as follows

1st Voted & chose John Clark for Moderator

Article 2d Voted to refer this Article to the Overseers of the Poor

" 3d Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to see what repairs were nefsary to be made on the School house's & order'd the same on file—

Voted, to choose a Committee of three to take the number of Children in the whole town under twenty one years of age for the purpose of equaliseing the School districts

Voted & chose for said Committee { Charles Whitney / Gilbert Nichols / Saml Barnard

Voted to dissolve the meeting——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Town bye laws.

Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts

Middlesex fs.

At a Court of Sefsions began and holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex on the first tuesday of January being the second day of said month AD 1827——

And now in this term a document is presented to the Court here, of a tenor following

Viz) "the Committee chosen by the town to prepare by laws for said town &C ask leave to report the following for the consideration of the town (Viz) 1st no person shall hereafter put or place any stand, stall or any other thing, from which to sell, or expose for sale any Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish within twenty feet of the town pump situated in the public square in said town, or shall any person wash or clense Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish at said pump, or within the distance aforesaid, And if any person shall hereafter expose for sale, Oysters Lobsters or any kind of fish or wash or clean the same within said distance of said pump, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five Dollars to the use of said town for each & every offence

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2d the Clerks of the Markett in said town for the time being shall have power to assign suitable and propper places or stands in said town, where Oysters, Lobsters and all kinds of fish may be exposed for sale, and if any person (excepting traveling retailors of fish) shall expose for sale within the limits of said town, Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish at any place or stand, other than such as may have been asigned as aforesaid, such person shall forfeit & pay the sum of one Dollar to the use of said town for each and every offence——

3d every person who shall hereafter sell Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish in said town shall remove from the place or stand where he shall sell such Oysters Lobsters or fish, and from the public stand & squares in said town, all the shells, scales & other offal proceeding therefrom And if any person shall suffer such shells, scales or other offal to remain over night shall forfeit & pay the sum of One Dollar to the use of said town for each and every offence——

4 any of the penalties & forfeitures aforesaid may be recovered, by any Clerk of the Markett of said town for the time being by

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Action of Debt, brought by him before any Justice of the peace proper to try the same

Thomas Learned
John Hunting } Committee

At a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown Novr 6, 1826* the foregoing report was accepted

Att^{t} John Clark Town Clerk

And the same is approved by the Court
Copy of Record Att^{t} A Bigelow Clerk

Received & enter'd July 9th 1827—(on file)

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the Spring Hotel September, 10, 1827 the following accounts were by them allow'd and orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay the Same (Viz)

To Thomas Clark for his services as Aſsesſor for the year 1827	19,, 63
" Charles Bird for spikes for Bridge	15,, 12
" Charles Whitney for work on Bridge	9,, —
" Ezekiel Whitney for ditto	4,, 67
" Caleb Lincoln for ditto	16,, 50
" Abraham Lincoln for ditto	10. —
" Overseers of Poor for ditto	49,, 75
" John Clark for salt & Nails for ditto	31,, 35

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" Josiah Mason for Lumber for ditto	$178. 35
" Elijah Hager for house rent for Jonas White in the year 1824	5. —
" William Horn for Work on Bridge	11. 75
" Luke Robbinson for ditto	2. 25

**Editorial Note:—Nov. 6, 1826; script has been followed as to date given.*

Also the Selectmen approbated the following persons as Innholders and Retailers for the ensueing year

Luke Robbinson Nathaniel Broad Charles Stratton Jonas Wyeth	Innholders
John Clark Luke Bemis Benjamin Dana Sam[l] Blanchard Andrew Cole	Retailers

Also, the Selectmen appointed the following persons as Engine men Viz.

Charles Williams
William Hersey } for Engine N° 2——
Alva Chandler for Engine N° 1——
John Pike —— for d° N° 3——

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1828 January 7th the Selectmen this day appointed the following persons named as Engine men for the ensueing year. Viz.

for Engine N° 1.

Henry Bright	James Annis
Peter Harrington	Oney Annis
Asa Pratt	Adolphus Cannon
Rufus Lee	John Broad
John M Peirce	William French
Moses Whitney	Artemas Ward
Elmer Mead	

for Engine N° 3.

Robert E Bemis	David Eustis
Solomon R Bullard	Leonard Fuller
William T Baldwin	Luke C Peirce
Jacob Baldwin	Frank S Rogers
William Bright	Henry Sanborn
Alpheus Cutter	Herman Wheeler
Tho[s] M Chandler	John Pike
Henry Eustis	Danford White

attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1828 Jany 12th The Selectmen appointed the following persons as Engine men for Engine No 2d (Viz)

Benjamin F Farrar	Wm F Dana
Giles A Meacham	Jas P Briggs
Benn Dana	George W Tucker
Andrew Cole	Isaac Robbins
George Hervey	Charles Williams
Nathl Bright Jur	William Hersey
Saml Bright	William Davis
Ebenr Fuller	Luther G Barrett
Amery Hartshorn	

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Also they appointed the following Persons for Fish wardens for the town of Watertown for the ensueing Year Viz

Abijah White
Levi Thaxter
John Clark

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the Spring Hotel held January 12th 1828 they agreed to allow the following accounts, & drew orders on the Treasurer to pay the same Viz

To Tyler Bigelow Esqr for Clay for Bridge — —	$5,, 00
" Isaac Dana for repairs on Bridge — — — —	10,, 75
" Asa Pratt for Wood &C for Meeting house —	8,, 80
" Nathl Bright for his servicies as Afsefsor —	18,, —
" Jotham Keyes for work on Bridge — — — —	17. 75
" Jno B Harrington for Manuscripts for Afsefsors — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 17
" Jerome Hersey setting glafs & stove in Meet-house — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 36
" John Clark for his servicies as Afsefsor and lock for Powder house — — — — — — —	25,, 20

To Benjamin Wood for work on Bridge — — — 11,, 00
" Abra[m] Sanger for boating Lumber — — — — 8,, 00
" John H Clark for makeing Catriges — — — 2,, 00
" John Hunting his a/c of servicies — — — — 13. 65

Attest Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held February 11—1828 held at the Spring Hotel they agreed to allow the following Accounts and drew an order on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To James P Briggs for Irons for Bridge — — — $6. 44
" Levi Thaxter Esqr for servicies and costs in the suit against E Stedman & others and two suits against Dan[l] Draper — — — — — — 150,, 00
" Levi Thaxter for his fees & expences as witnefs at Worcester Court in suit of Sawin against the town of Watertown — — — — 6,, 00
" Abijah White for his fees & expences as Witnefs at Worcester Court and for the Plan of Wharf — — — — — — — — — — — — 15. 00
" Samuel Dana Esqr for his Acc[t] for attending before the General Courts committee and arguing the Action against Dan[l] Draper — — 100. 00
" Luke Robbinson for the Selectmens expences & accomodation the last year — — — — — 6,, 00

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Abatements of Taxes

At a Meeting of the Selectmen and Afsefsors held June 11th 1828 they proceded as follows in abating Taxes

Viz We the Subscribers have abated the following Taxes which are contained in the list of Afsefsments committed to Thaddeus Cole for Collection for the last year (Viz)

		Amount Brot up....	$34.67
Ezra Alen.....	,, 91	Mrs Annis.....	3.65
Henry Burnam.....	2,, 27	Solomon Bullard....	3.18
Saml Corbit.....	2,, 27	Henry Baker.....	2.27
Mr Farnam.....	2,, 27	Thomas Casady	2.27
David Hager (Pole).	2,, 27	Farrington Hawkes..	2.27
George Mosman....	2,, 27	E W Luce.....	0.91
Anthony Rugg.....	2. 27	Adanijan Penick....	2.27
Oliver Rufsell.....	2. 27	Mr Robbins.....	2.27
John Stuart.....	. 91	John Snow.....	2.27
John Stimpson Jnr..	2. 27	James Scott.....	2.27
Nathl Woodard....	2. 27	James Vinton.....	2.27
Tobias Wilson.....	2. 27	Ezekiel Whitney	4.56
Nahum P Whitney.	2. 27	Erastus Evens.....	2.27
Ebenr T Lane.....	2. 27	John Frost (Pole) ...	2.27
Abisha Cottle.....	2. 83	Arthur Williams	2.27
Nathl R Whitney...	. 51	Mr Noone*.....	2.72
Calvin Honey.....	2. 27	Mary Jackson.....	6.69
		George Coolidge	2.—
amt caried up	$34,, 67	amount carried over	$83.35

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Amount brought over ———————————— $83.35

To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer for the town of Watertown, you are hereby ortherised and directed to alow the above mentioned sum of Eighty three Dollars & thirty three Cents to the said Cole on his Settlment with you for said Taxes.——

June 22d 1827.——

signed— Thomas Clark
John Clark
John Hunting

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also. The Selectmen & Afsefsors at a Meeting held Jany 12th 1828 made the following abatements. (Viz)

*Editorial Note:—script illegible; possibly Noonan.

To Levi Thaxter Esq[r] Treasurer of Watertown

We the Subscribers have abated the following Taxes which are contained in the list of Aſseſsments committed to Jotham Keyes for collection the present year (Viz)

James Allen.....	$1,, 71	Luther Parker.....	1.71
Calvin Harris.....	1,, 71	Bartlett Cushman...	1.71
Thomas Merrill....	1. 71	Robbinson	1.71
Mary Jackson.....	2. 52	James M[c]Roy.....	1.71

$14.49

amounting to fourteen Dollars and forty nine cents which sum you are orthorised and directed to allow to the said Keyes on his settlement with you for said Taxes.——

January 12th 1828 ⸗

Thomas Clark
John Clark
John Hunting

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Also, at a meeting of the Selectmen and Aſseſsors, held Feb 11, 1828 they made the following abatements Viz. in Jotham Keyes list committed to him to collect in the year 1827, and drew an order on the Treasurer to allow the same (Viz)

Farrington Hawkes .	$1.71	Charles Hammond ..	1.71
Andrew Bailey.....	1.71	David Livermore Jn[r]	1.71
Joseph Cole.....	6.63		

$13,, 47

Amounting to thirteen Dollars & forty seven Cents

signed by ⸗ Thomas Clark
Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting

Also they drew an order to abate Thomas Worthington's tax in Thaddeus Cole list of Taxes for 1826 of $2,,27 directing the Treasurer to allow the same

signed by Thomas Clark, Walter Hunnewell, John Hunting

Att[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held Feb[y] 25 1828 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Luther Barrett for painting Hearse — — — — $5.00
" John Roberts for repairing ditto — — — — — 4.87
" James P Briggs for Iron work — — — — — — 2.33

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Warrant for March Meeting 1828

To John H Clark Constable of the town of Watertown Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and, assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2 To choose Town Officers for the ensueing year
3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his servicies
4th To determine whether Swine & Neats Cattle shall go at large the ensueing year, and Act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year and act any thing thereon
6th To grant money to open, make, and repair Highways in said town and Act any thing thereon
7th To hear and examine the Accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted & grant Money to pay the same and act any thing thereon

8th To hear the report of the Committee for estimateing the expences of the town the ensueing year, and act any thing thereon

9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon

10th To know what method the town will take to suport their poor & act any thing thereon

11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury and act any thing thereon

12th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes, and act any thing thereon——

13th To know if the town will pafs any relative to the destruction of certain birds & Pickerel, and act any thing thereon

14th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house, and act any thing thereon——

15th To know what method the town will take to preserve the fish in Charles River, and act any thing thereon.——

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16th To know what method the town will take to raise money to pay for the poor house and farm, and act any thing thereon.

17th To know if the town will grant money for the support of a singing school and act any thing thereon——

18th To know if the town will take any measures to provide Hay scales for the use of the town & act any thing thereon——

19th To know if the town will take any measures to assertain their to certain lands & buildings, now in care of Trustees of Ministerial funds, and act any thing thereon

20th To know if the town will alter the Road at the south end of the great Bridge leading up by the side of the River & act any thing thereon

21st To know if the town will give their committee that were chosen to defend the town's right to the Wharf near Doctr Hosmere's house any further instructions, and act any thing thereon——

22d To know if the town will choose a committee to examine the doings of the overseers of the poor & their books of original entries from the commencement of the establishment; and take an inventory of all the personal estate in their hands and report at our next meeting and act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant to the town Clerk with your doings thereon, at the time and place appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands at Watertown, this eleventh day of February AD 1828.

Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. March 3d 1828 pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified as above to meet at the time and place, and for the purposses above mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays next preceeding this 3d day of March.

signed John H Clark, Constable of Watertown

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March 3d 1828, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant (dated Febv 11 1828) the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown met at the public Meetinghouse as therein directed on said third day & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

2d Voted and chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk
Gilbert Nichols was sworn as town Clerk, by L. Thaxter, Justice peace

3d Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Town Treasurer

Voted to choose three Selectmen——
Voted & chose for Selectmen Levi Thaxter John Hunting & Leonard Stone.

Voted & chose for Aſſeſſors— Thomas Clark s; Gilbert Nichols s; Charles Whitney s

Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor— Levi Thaxter; John Hunting; Peter Clark

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past two of the Clock this day then to meet at this place

Attt Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the above adjournment the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Constables ⸗ George Coolidge, John H Clark

Voted & chose for Tythingmen ⸗ Asa Pratt ⸗, Thomas Learned

Voted & chose for fence viewers ⸗ Zacheus Pond, Paul Learned, Nath[l] Bright, Peter Clark

Voted & chose as Clerk's of Markett ⸗ John Hunting, Thaddeus Cole

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Voted & chose for field Drivers — Joseph Bird, Henry Bright s, George Hervey (excused), William Horn, James Gillpatrick, Nath[l] Broad

Voted & chose for Hogreeves ⸗ Doct[r] Hiram Hosmore, James P Briggs, Andrew Cole, Moses Chenery Jr, Robert E Bemis

Voted & chose for surveyors of Lumber ⸗ Isaac Dana s, Abraham Lincoln

Voted & chose as cullers of Hoops & Staves ⸗ Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted & chose for fire wards ⸗ Levi Thaxter, Eliakim Morse, Seth Bemis, John Hunting, John Clark, Elisha Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jn[r], Abijah White, Charles Whitney

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways — Levi Thaxter, John Hunting, Peter Clark

Voted & chose for General School Committee

- Rev[d] Convers Francis
- Leonard Stone
- Walter Hunnewell
- Levi Thaxter (excused)
- Tyler Bigelow
- Rev[d] Rufsell Streeter
- Nath[l] Bemis Jn[r]

Voted & chose George Rufsell for Pound keeper—

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3 Voted to refer to the Selectmen

4 Voted to let the law remain in force

5 Voted to accept the report of the committee of estimates as respects schools, that is grant twelve hundred Dollars for the support of schools to be divided as last year — $1200.00

6 Voted to pafs over

7 Voted to refer to the Selectmen the adjustment the Accounts against the town

9 Voted that the report of the committee chosen to take the number of Inhabitants under twenty one years of age for the purpose of equaliseing the school Districts remain on file.——

10 Voted to accept the report of the committee of estimates & Grant One thousand Dollars for the support of the poor & the Highways, as therein expref's'd — — — — — $1000.00

11 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative to the town Treasurers Accounts & the same be placed on the town Files the footing of which stands thus (Viz) Levi Thaxter Esq[r] Treasurer stands Credited by sundry payments made to sundry persons as per Rect[s] $7005,, 43
outstanding Taxes remaining in the hands of the Collector — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1241,, 59
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer — — — — 9,, 26

$8256,, 28

The above sum being the amount of Taxes remaining in the hands of Thaddeus Cole March 6th 1827, & Taxes committed to Jotham Keyes to colect June 1827, and sundries as per Report on file

12 Voted to choose Thaddeus Cole—Abijah White Leonard Stone a committee to assertain the best method to collect our Taxes the ensueing year, & report at our next meeting

13 Voted that the restrictions the law provides respecting the distruction of certain Birds & Pickerel be removed

14 Voted that the Selectmen be a committe to lease the Pews in the Meeting house.

15 pass'd over

16 Voted to grant five Hundred Dollars to pay for the poor house & farm in part — — — — — — — — — — $500,, 00

Voted to pay the Interest of the towns Debts & Grant — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 300. 00

Voted to grant for contingent expences — — — 300. 00

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Voted, that the Treasurer be, and is hereby directed, to borrow on the Credit of the town, upon such terms as he shall think expedient the sum of five thousand Dollars for one year from the first day of April next for the purpose of dischargeing the debts the town owe — — — — $5000.—

Voted to grant five hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of the Ministry — — — — — — — — — — — — $550.00

17 Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the support of a singing School, to be aſseſs'd in the Ministerial Tax.

18 Voted to choose a Committee of three to aſsertain the expence of Hay Scales for the use of the town, and the expence of a proper site to place them so as to convene the town & report as soon as may be

Voted & chose for said Committee — Luke Bemis Esqr, Moses Coolidge, Samuel Learned

19 Voted to dismiſs this article.——

20 Voted to dismiſs——

21 Voted to dismiſs——

22 Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the doings of the Overseers of the poor & their books of original entries from the commencement of the establishment, and take an

enventory of all the personal estate in their hands, & report at our next meeting

Voted & chose for said committe { Abijah White / Tyler Bigelow / Elisha Livermore

Also Voted that said committee be instructed to assertain as near as may be, the expence of the poor three years previous to the adoption of the late establishment——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place at four O clock in the afternoon——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March 3rd Thomas Clark Gilbert Nichols & Charles Whitney were sworn as Aſseſsors before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace Nathl Bright & Peter Clark was sworn as fence Viewers and Henry Bright as Fieldriver Isaac Dana & Surveyor of Lumber & culler of Hoops & staves before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held March 25, 1828 They agreed with Asa Pratt & he was appointed Sexton for One Year from the 1st day of May 1828 twenty five Dollars being the compensation for his servicies for ringing the Bell takeing down & putting up the Stoves & funnells, clenseing & sweeping the Meetinghouse when neſsary & render every service usual for a Sexton to perform——Also they Appointed Artemas Rogers Sealer of Weights & Measures—— Thaddeus Cole——Luke Robinson, Isaac Dana Measurers of Wood & Bark——Thomas Gookins, & Amasa Jackson weighers of Beef——

Oaths

Levi Thaxter John Hunting & Leonard Stone was sworn as Selectmen——Artemas Rogers as Sealer of Weights & Measures before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting April 7, 1828

To John H Clark, one of the Constables of the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choise of Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the seventh day of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Also to expref's their approbation or disapprobation by ballot, of Yea & Nay, of the towns of Groton, Shirley Peperell, Ashby & Townsend being taken off from the County of Middlesex and united with the towns of Royalston Winchenden, Athol, Templeton Gardner Westminster, Ashburnham Fitchburgh, Leominster, Lunenburgh Princetown Hubbardston Philipston, Lancaster Bolton & Harvard from the County of Worcester, for the purpose of creating a new County.——You are also alike required to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the

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Seventh day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To chose a Moderator for said meeting
2d To give in their Votes for County Treasurer
3d To hear the report of any committee and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time & place appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Watertown this 25th day of March AD 1828

signed Levi Thaxter, John Hunting, Leonard Stone } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. April 7th 1828. In obedience to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested Copies of this Warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays preceeding the above date

(Signed.) John H. Clark Constable

At a Public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held April 7, 1828, agreeably to the foregoing Warrant They proceeded as follows——

The Selectmen Presideing, the Votes were call'd for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, and were brought in sorted & counted and were as follows—

Governor

For his Excellency Levi Lincoln	Sixty one	Votes —	61
Marcus Morton	Seven	d° —	7
R W Dickinson	One	d° —	1
James Lloyd	One	d° —	1
Abijah White	One	d° —	1

Lieu^{t} Governor

Thomas L Winthrop	Sixty two	d° —	62
Andrew Cole	One	d° —	1
Nathan Willis	Six	d° —	6
Elu Meacham	One	d° —	1
Tyler Bigelow	One	d° —	1

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For Senators and Counsellors

Hon. Timothy Fuller	Sixty	Votes — — — — — —	60
" Charles Train	fifty eight	d° — — — — —	58
" Luther Lawrence	fifty two	d° — — — — —	52
" Levi Thaxter	twenty three	d° — — — — —	23
" John Keyes	four	d° — — — — —	4
" Benjamin F Varnum	nine	d° — — — — —	9
" Saml Hoar Jn^{r}	forty six	d° — — — — —	46
" Daniel Flint	forty three	d° — — — — —	43
" William C Jarvis	seventeen	d° — — — — —	17

Hon. Leonard M Parker, nine	d°	— — — — —	9
" James Lewis Jn^r five	d°	— — — — —	5
" John Clark One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Danl Richardson, eight	d°	— — — — —	8
" Luke Fisk One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Agustus Tower One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Abra^m Whitney One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Abijah White One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Andrew White One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Benjamin Gardner One	d°	— — — — —	1
" Tyler Bigelow, One	d°	— — — — —	1

÷ The meeting was then adjourned to seven O clock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the Votes for Governor Lieu^t Govr Senators & Counsellors, at which time and place The Inhabitants met at the Spring Hotel, and the foregoing votes for Govr Lt Govr Senators & Counsellors was sealed up in open town Meeting & directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, as the Constitution directs.

Att^st Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

÷ Also, the Inhabitants were call'd upon by the Selectmen agreeably to the Warrant to expreſs their Approbation or disaprobation by Yeas & Nays on ballots of the towns of Groton Shirley, Pepperell, Ashby, & Townsend, being taken from the County of Middlesex & united to the towns of Royalston, Winchenden, Athol, Templeton, Gardner, Westminster, Ashburnham Fitchburgh Leominster

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Luninburgh, Princeton, Hubbardston, Phillipston, Lancaster Bolton, & Harvard, from the County of Worcester, for the purpose of creating a new County, the ballots were brot in, & were as follows (Viz)

Nays	— — — — —	42
Yeas	— — — — —	11

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Town Meeting was then opened for the purpose of chooseing County Treasurer & hearing the reports of any Committes, agreeably to the foregoing warrant & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Ar^{t} 1 Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

" 2 The Votes for County Treasury was Call'd for & brot in sorted & Counted & were as follows

William Whitney fifty six	56
Joel Adams—— Eleven	11
John Keyes—— five	5

Voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Ministerial funds, the income of which for the last year which is now due is —————————————— $450.3 as p^{r} Report on file

The town then proceeded to Act under the March Meeting Warrant by an adjournment from the 3^{d} day of March last——

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee Chosen to examine the Poor house Accounts &C & the same was ordered to be put on file

Voted, To choose a Committee to take into consideration the best method to collect our Taxes in report at May meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee Tyler Bigelow Esqr, Levi Thaxter Esqr, John Clark

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a Pound keeper

Voted, that the Money granted March last to keep a Singing School be paid by the Treasurer to the Committe appointed by the Singing Society

Voted, to adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting.

Att^{est} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held April 7th 1828, they proceeded to lease the Pews in the Galliries belonging to the town by Auction for one Year from the first day of May

next, begining at the North pew in the West Gallery next to the wall call'd N° 1

N° 1	was struck off to	Miles Sprague	for — —	$0 .75
N° 2	"	" George Robbins	for — —	.75
N° 3	"	" Asa Pratt	for — —	.50
N° 4	"	" Asa Pratt	for — —	.75
N° 5	"	" Asa Pratt	for — —	.87½
N° 6	"	" Abijah White	for — —	1,, 12½

N° 1 on the East Gallery next to the Singers

N° 1	"	" Abijah White	for — —	1. 62½
N° 2	"	" Asa Pratt	for — —	1. 75
N° 3	"	" R W Dickinson	for — —	1,, 50
N° 4	"	" Francis Leathe	for — —	1,, 50
N° 5	"	" Asa Pratt	for — —	1,, 87½
N° 6	" reserved for the use of the Paupers			

$13,, 00

Engine Men——

The Selectmen then Appointed the following Enginemen Viz

Simon Lealand
John P Broad
Joseph Wyeth
Thomas Lincoln
John D Glazer
Joseph Bede
Almon F Kimball
Caleb W Wilson

} For Engine N° 1.

William Bixby
Sullivan Dean
Nath[l] Parlow

} For Engine N° 2

Oaths

George Coolidge & John H Clark as Constables and James Gillpatrick as field Driver before——

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 30th At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they appointed Samuel Blanchard as an Engine man for Engine N° 2d & Dana Stone to Engine N° 1——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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May 5th At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed Samuel Cutting and George G Phelps as Engine men for the Bemis Engine——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1828

May 5th At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they appointed Samuel Pond, Edwin Smith & William Emerson as Engine Men for Engine N° 1——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

To John H Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of May Inst at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chooseing one or more Representatives to Represent said town in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Inst

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the above mentioned time & place.——

Given under our hands this 1st day May AD 1828—

Levi Thaxter
John Hunting
Leonard Stone
} Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Return of Warrant for May Meeting 1828

Middlesex ſs. May 12th 1828 In pursuance to the foregoing warrant to me directed I have notified the male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within directed, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays next precedeing said twelfth day of May——

signed John H Clark Constable of Watertown

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives held May 12th 1828 agreeably to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded as follows (the Selectmen presideing——

Voted To choose one Representative——

Voted and Chose John Clark for Representative to represent the town the ensueing year at the General Court to be held at Boston——

Voted to dissolve the Meeting——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March Meeting by adjournment was then declared by the Moderator to be open and their proceeding were as follows

Voted & chose John M Harris for field Driver who was there sworn to that office——also he was appointed pound keeper——

Voted, that the Overseers of the poor be directed to sell the old poor house at public Auction for the most it will fetch.——

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector for the ensueing year upon the following conditions he to give Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for his faithfull performance of the following conditions (Viz) he is to collect & pay in, one third of the Taxes that may be committed to him in

three Months, One third, in six Months & one third in Nine Months, & to receive as compensation for collecting two & five eights of a Cent on every Dollar

Voted to discharge from further service the Committee chosen to aſsertain upon what conditions the town could supply themselves with Hayscales——Voted that the Treasurer be orthorised to borrow upon the Credit of the town five Hundred Dollars for the purpose

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Of discharging the Debts the town owe to the Overseers of the poor the last year

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting held September 1st 1828 they agree'd to allow the following accounts and drew Orders to pay the same (Viz)

To Gilbert Nichols for his servicies as town Clerk one year ending March 3[d] 1828 — — — — — — —	$25,, —
To Asa Pratt for repairing Grave yard—Wood for Meetinghouse & his servicies as Sexton One Year ending May 3[d] 1828. — — — — — — — — — —	26. 50
To Levi Thaxter for his servicies as Town Treasurer the last year — — — — — — — — — — —	40. —
To Gilbert Nichols for his servicies as Aſseſsor the present year — — — — — — — — — — —	27. —
ditto for Cash paid for Tax Bills — — — — —	12. —
d° for takeing N° Children in Town — — — —	3. —
To Charles Whitney for ditto — — — — — —	3. —
To Samuel Barnard for ditto — — — — — —	3. —
To Thomas Clark for his servicies as Aſseſsor the present year — — — — — — — — — — —	21. —

Also the appointed Jeſsee Wheeler & Edwin Robinson Engine Men for Engine N° 2.——and Isaac Robbins as Auctioneer

Also, the following persons were aprobated as Innholders & Retailers

Viz Luke Robinson
Elisha Stratton } as Inholders
Jonas Wyeth

John Clark
Andrew Cole
Luke Bemis } as Retailers
Benjamin Dana
Samuel Blanchard

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1828 September 2d the Selectmen appointed Josiah H Chamberlain as Engine Man for Engine N° 1

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also the Selectmen Appointed Solomon P Hooker as an Engine Man for Engine N° 2

1828 September 2d Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1828 October 21st the Selectmen isued the following Warrant

To John H Clark one of the Constables of Watertown

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the third day of November next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Representatives of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex District.—

Also in like manner to aſsemble on the same day and place at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the

United States Agreeably To an Act of this Commonwealth paſs'd June 10, 1828

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before

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Before the time appointed for the said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty eight

Signed Levi Thaxter, John Hunting } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk.

1828 Novr 3 the following return was made on the foregoing Warrant by the Constable (Viz)

Middlesex ſs by virtue of this Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown to meet at the time and place & for the purpose above mentioned by posting up attested copies of the above warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two sundays next precedeing the said third of November.——

signed ——— John H Clark Constable

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified as therein expreſs'd met at the time and place therein mentioned the Selectmen presideing they call'd for the votes for a Representative for the Middlesex District to the Congreſs of the United States, which were brought in, & declared to stand as follows. Viz

For the Hon. Edward Everett, One hundred & One Votes.

The Selectmen then call'd for the Votes for fifteen Electors Agreeably

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Agreeably to the Warrant which were brought in counted & sorted & declared to stand as follows

For Electors at large

Hon. Thomas L Winthrop had One hundred
Hon. Samuel Lathrop One hundred d°
Nathan Willis, two ditto
David Henshaw two ditto

For Suffolk District
Hon Jeſse Putnam had One hundred d°
" John K Simpson two d°

Essex South d°
Hon Stephen White One hundred d°
" Josiah Newhall had two d°

Essex North d°
Hon. Bailey Bartlett One hundred
John Rufs two d°

Middlesex d°
Hon Nathan Chandler One hundred
" William Austin two votes

Worcester South d°
Gen Jonathan Davis One hundred d°
Hon Jonas Sibley two d°

Worcester North d°
Hon. Silas Holman One hundred
William Williard two votes

Franklin d°
Col Eliel Gilbert had One hundred
John Drury Esqr. two votes

Hampden d°
Hon. Joshua Frost had One hundred
Joseph M Foward had two Votes

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Berkshire d°

Samuel Jones Esq[r] had One hundred
John Drury Esqr two Votes

Norfolk d°

Hon Edward H Robbins had One hundred
" Ebenezar Seaver two Votes

Plymouth d°

Hon Seth Sprague had One hundred
Peter H Peirce Esqr. two votes

Bristol d°

Hon Oliver Starkweather One hundred
Elisha Daggett Jn[r] had two Votes

Barnstable d°

Hon Braddock Dimmick had One hundred
John P Norton Esqr. two votes

Atts[t] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829——
January 5th

at a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they agreed to allow the following Accounts & drew an order for the Town Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Jonathan B Harrington Bill of Stationary for Afsefsors — — — — — — — — — — — —	$1,, 38
To Asa Pratt for Wood for Meeting house — —	7,, 60
" John H Clark for his servicies as Constable last year — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
" Isaac Dana Ballance of his A/c for repairs on Bridge & Meeting house — — — — — — —	4. 67
" James P Briggs for Irons for Bridge & Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 30
" John Clark for Salt & Nails to repair Bridge	5. 67

To Overseers of Poor for work done on the Bridge	24. 50
" Levi Thaxter his Bill — — — — — — — — —	34. 17
	$90. 29

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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January 5th

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this date they Appointed

Abijah White
John Clark
Daniel Bond
} Fish Wardens

Also, they appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the ensueing year (Viz)

For Engine No 1

Peter Harrington	Joseph Wyeth
John M Peirce	John D Glazier
Moses Whitney	Thomas Lincoln
Elmer Mead	Joseph Beedy
James Annis	Almon F Kimball
Adolphus Cannon	Edwin Smith
Simon Lealand	Samuel Pond
John P Broad	Josiah H Chamberlain

For Engine No 2

Benjamin F Farrar	John Roberts
Giles A Meacham	George W Tucker
Benjamin Dana	Isaac Robbins
Andrew Cole	Luther G Barrett
George Hervey	William Bixby
Ebenr Fuller	Jessee Wheeler
William F Dana	Edwin Robinson
James P Briggs	Gilbert Nichols Jnr

For Engine N° 3

Robert E Bemis	Frank S Rogers
Jacob Baldwin	Danford White
Solomon R Bullard	Leonard Fuller
Alpheus Cutter	John Pike
William Bright	George G Phelps
Thomas M Chandler	Charles Cutting

Attst Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

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January 26.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day they agreed to allow the following Accounts and drew an order for the town Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Messrs Newton ballance of A/c for servicies in suit of Athol against Watertown — — — —	$278,, 73
To Asa Pratt makeing Cattriges — — — — — —	2,, —
To Nathl Broad his A/cs — — — — — — — —	1,, 50
To Zacheus Pond for Spikes for Meetinghouse	2,, 53
To Benjamin Dana his A/c — — — — — — —	,, 56
To John M Harris d° — — — — — — — — —	4,, 50
To Charles Whitney as Assessor — — — — —	18,, 75
To T Cole for Duties pd for sale of old Poorhouse	2,, 6

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting, 1829

To John H Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown———————————— Greeting———

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the second day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.——
2d To choose all town officers for the ensueing year

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Servicies
4th To know or determine whether Swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensueing year, or act any thing thereon——
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year & Grant money for the same & act any thing thereon——
6th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the Highways in said town or Act any thing thereon——
7th To hear & examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted and grant Money to pay the same and Act any thing thereon.——
8th To hear the report of the Committe for estimateing the expences of the town the ensueing year and Act any thing thereon

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9th To hear the report of any Committee & Act any thing thereon
10th To know what method will take to support their Poor and Act any thing thereon——
11th To hear the statement concerning the state of the Treasury and Act any thing thereon——
12th To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes & act any thing thereon——
13 To know if the town will pafs any order respecting the destruction of certain Birds & Pickerell and Act any thing thereon
14 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon——
15 To know what method the town will take to pay for their Poor house & farm & Act any thing thereon
16 To know if the town will build a new fence for their Pound or Act any thing thereon
17 To know if the town will accept of the persons appointed by the Selectmen to fill up the list of Jurors and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon at the time & place appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands at Watertown this twelfth day of February AD 1829.

Signed Levi Thaxter, Leonard Stone } Selectmen of Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex ſs. March 2d 1829. Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up attested Copies of the above Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays preceeding the said second day of March

John Clark, Constable of Watertown

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March 2d 1829 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant dated Febv 12th 1829, The Inhabitants of the town of Watertown meet at the public Meetinghouse as therein directed & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose John Clark Moderator

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk who was sworn to the faithful performance of that office before Thomas Clark Esqr

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen — Charles Bemis, John Clark, William May

Voted & chose for Aſſeſſors — Thomas Clark, Gilbert Nichols, Charles Whitney

Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor — Nathl Bright, Samuel Barnard, Tyler Bigelow

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday next then to meet at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 9th agreeably to adjournment from March 2d the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & Chose for Constables — John H Clark, Asa Pratt

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen — Asa Pratt, Thomas Learned

Voted & Chose for fence viewers — Zacheus Pond, Paul Learned, Nath[l] Bright, Peter Clark

John H Clark was sworn as Constable p[r] Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Voted & chose for Clerks of the Markett — Nath[l] Broad, Luke Robinson

Voted & chose for Fielddrivers — Joseph Bird (sworn), Henry Bright, William Horn, James Gillpatrick, John M Harris

Voted & chose for Hogreeves — Andrew Cole, R W Dickinson, Walter Rufsell, William French, John Roberts, Luther E Wright, Samuel Hervey, Elijah Pratt, Nathan Nurse (sworn), Benjamin F Farrar

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber — Isaac Dana, Abraham Lincoln

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Isaac Dana, William Horn

Voted & Chose for Firewards — Levi Thaxter, Eliakim Morse, Seth Bemis, John Clark, Elisha Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jn[r], Abijah White, Charles Whitney, R W Dickinson

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Voted that the overseers of the Poor be surveyors of Highways (Viz) Nathaniel Bright——Samuel Barnard & Tyler Bigelow

Voted & chose for General Schools Committee { Rev[d] Converse Francis; Rev[d] Rufsell Streeter; Leonard Stone; Tyler Bigelow; Nath[l] Bemis Jn[r] }

Voted & chose John M Harris for Pound Keeper

3[d] Article as respects Sexton refer'd to the Selectmen

4 d° dismifs'd that is the law to remain in forse

5th Voted to grant twelve hundred Dollars for the support of School's to be divided as last year — $1200.00

Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the Singing Society to be afsefsed in Minister Tax & laid out under the Direction of the Society's Committee. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — $100.—

6 Voted to grant One thousand Dollars for the support of the Poor & to repair the Highways — $1000.00

Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Overseers of Poor's Accounts and take an enventory of all the personal Estate if the Overseers require it

Voted.& chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis; William May; George Coolidge }

8th Voted to grant two hundred & seventy Dollars to pay the Interest of the towns Debts — — — — — $270.00

Voted to grant three hundred Dollars for contingent expences — — — — — — — — — — — — $300.—

Voted to grant for Ministers Sallary five hundred & fifty Dollars — — — — — — — — — — — — $550.—

Voted to grant five hundred Dollars to pay part of the towns Debt for Poorhouse — — — — — — $500.—

9 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the Treasury which stands thus as you may see on file Viz he stands charged for monies Received — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —$7717,, 63

Credit by sundry payments as pr Rec^{ts}	5909.74	
Outstanding Taxes in the hands of C Whitney — — — — — — — — — —	1129.22	
Cash on hand in the Treasury — — —	678.67	$7717.63

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Voted that all the Accounts against the town be refer'd to the Selectmen for adjustment.

10th paſs'd over

12 posponed to the first Monday in April

13 Voted to take off the restrictions made by law as respects certain Birds & Pickerell.

14th Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to lease the Pews

15 Voted to paſs over

16 Voted that the building a New fence around the Pound be refer'd to the Selectmen——

17 Voted to accept the persons appointed to fill the vacancies in the list of Jurors (Viz) Charles Bemis, Amos H Livermore and Benjamin Dana

Voted to choose a Committe to cause the town expences to be printed & posted for the use of the Inhabitants

Voted & chose for said committee { Jotham Keyes, George Coolidge, R W Dickinson }

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st Monday in April then to meet at this place at four of the Clock in the afternoon

Atts^{t} Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 23^{d} Charles Bemis, John Clark, & William May were sworn as Selectmen——p^{r} G Nichols Town Clerk they then appointed, Luke Robbinson Thaddeus Cole, Isaac Dana and Asa Pratt as Measurers of Wood & Bark——Luke Robbinson was sworn as Measurer of Wood & Bark p^{r} G Nichols Town Clerk

March 30th Asa Pratt was sworn as Constable p^{r} Tyler Bigelow Justice of the peace as pr Certificate on file

Also, they isued the following Warrant for April Meeting——

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To John H Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choise of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Also, you are alike required to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the sixth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles. (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator.
2d To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
3d To hear the Report of Any Committee & Act any thing thereon
4th To know if the town will choose a Committe & ortherise them to sell the town's Wharf & land in Cambridge & Act any thing thereon
5th To know if the town will provide suction Hose for their Engine and Act any thing thereon.

Hereof, fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at the time & place appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Watertown, this Sixteenth day of March AD 1829.

signed — — — John Clark, William May, Charles Bemis } Selectmen of Watertown

Atts Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

The above Warrant was duly executed & return'd by——

John H Clark, Constable

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At a public town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held April 6th 1829—Agreeably to a Warrant for that purpose, they proceeded as follows—the Selectmen presideing—who, call'd for the Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, which were brought in sorted & counted, and were as follows (Viz)

For Governor

Levi Lincoln had Sixty five votes	— — — — — —	65
Marcus Morton had Eight "	— — — — — —	8
Harrison G Otis had Six "	— — — — — —	6
Daniel Webster had One "	— — — — — —	1
Jotham Keyes had One "	— — — — — —	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Thomas L Winthrop had Sixty nine votes	— — —	69
Nathan Willis had Seven "	— — —	7
William Prescott had One "	— — —	1
Jonathan Whitney Jnr had One "	— — —	1
Adolphus Bates had One "	— — —	1

For Senators and Counsellors

Benjamin F Varnum had Sixty nine "	— — —	69
James Lewis had Seventy "	— — —	70
Charles Train had Seventy six "	— — —	76
Francis Winship had Seventy five "	— — —	75
Thomas J Goodwin had Eighty three "	— — —	83
Leonard M Parker had seven "	— — —	7
William Parmenter had six "	— — —	6
John Abbott had Eight "	— — —	8
Ebenezar Parker had Eight "	— — —	8
Samuel Hoar Jnr had Nine "	— — —	9
William Jackson had Eight "	— — —	8
Thomas Clark had One "	— — —	1
Isaac Bemis had One "	— — —	1

The Meeting was then Adjourned to the house of L Robbinson for the purpose of Sealing up the above Votes there to meet at seven O clock this Evening, at which time & place the Inhabitants met & the above list of Votes were sealed as the law directs.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 6th Agreeably to the preceeding Warrant the town meeting was opened for the purpose of Chooseing County Treasurer & transacting other buſineſs as expreſsed in said Warrant

1st Voted & chose John Clark for Moderator who call'd for the Votes for County Treasurer which were brought in sorted & Counted & were as follows (Viz)

2d for County Treasurer

Elisha Fuller	Esqr.	seventy seven	Votes	— — — 77
John Keyes	"	two ———	"	— — — 2
William White	"	two	"	— — — 2
George Hervey	"	three	"	— — — 3

3d Voted, to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Miniſterial Funds & that the same be placed on file, which states the Income same as last year which is — — — $450.— which sum is now due.——

4th Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committe to sell the Wharf & land belonging to the town situated in Cambridge.

5th Voted to refer this Article, respecting suction Hoses for the Engines, to the Firewards for them to report at our next meeting.

March Meeting was then opened by declaration of the Moderator on Motion, it was Voted to choose an overseer of the poor instead of Nath[l] Bright (deceased).
Voted, & chose Charles Whitney as Overseer of Poor

Voted, to excuse John M Harris as Pound keeper
Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a Pound keeper

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Luke Robbinson there to meet at seven O clock this Evening.

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants assembled & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector of Taxes for the enſueing year upon the following conditions (Viz) he to give Bonds to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for his faithful Performance of the following conditions (Viz) he is to collect and pay in One third part of the Taxes that may be committed

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To him to collect in three Months from the date of the Bills, and One third in Six Months & the other third in nine Months, And he is to receive for compensation two Cents & Six Mills on every Dollar he so collects——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to a Vote of the town the Selectmen then proceeded to lease the Pews in the Gallary at Auction which belong to the town The North Pew in the west Gallery call'd N° 1. was put up.

N° 1	was struck off to	John Lenox	for	$0,, 62½
N° 2	"	Thomas Learned	"	,, 50
N° 3	"	Thomas Learned	"	,, 50
N° 4	"	Asa Pratt	"	,, 50
N° 5	"	Samuel Cutter	"	,, 50
N° 6	"	Abijah White	"	1,, 00

N° 1 on the East Gallery next to the Singers

N° 1	"	Asa Pratt	"	2. 65
N° 2	"	Asa Pratt	"	1. 35
N° 3	"	Abijah White	"	1. 20
N° 4	"	Asa Pratt	"	,, 80
N° 5 & 6 reserved for the Paupers			"	

$9,, 62½

Also, the Selectmen allow'd the following accounts & drew orders on the town Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To John H Clark for his servicies as Constable —	$10. —
To Gilbert Nichols as Town Clerk the last year	25,, —
To Jonathan B Harrington for binding Record Book — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 75
Asa Pratt his Bill as Sexton &C — — — — — —	25,, 88
Mason Huntings d° for repairing Bell — — — —	23,, 75

Also, they appointed to following Persons as Engine Men for N° 1

Engine N° 1	Olney Annis	William Harrington
	John Chambers	Cyrus Cobb
	John Foley	Amasa Whitney
	Williard Whitcomb	
	George Clark	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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The Selectmen appointed Asa Pratt for Sexton he to perform all the duties as last year for Nineteen Dollars & fifty cents to commence the 1st of May

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 27, At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed the following persons as Engine Men for Engine No 3. (Viz)

Elisha Cottle Jnr
George Winch
Osgood Hutchinson
Levi Hardy.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829 May 4th. At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed the following persons as Engine men for Engine No. 2——(Viz)

Charles Bird
Samuel Frost
James Kidder
Henry Sanger
Jas L. T. Pyncheon
Samuel Bright
Simeon Herrick

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829 May 4th Thomas Clark was sworn as Aſseſsor who also administer'd the Oath to Gilbert Nichols for said office as a Justice of the Peace, May 11th Charles Whitney was sworn as Aſseſsor

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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